

Former Nixon Aide Chapin to Be Paroled

Washington

Dwight L. Chapin, a former White House aide convicted of lying to the special Watergate grand jury, will be paroled from prison April 2 after serving 7½ months of a reduced sentence.

The U.S. parole board reached the decision yesterday after taking over Chapin's parole application because of the "national and unusual attention" he has received as one of the Watergate defendants.

Chapin is confined to the minimum security federal prison at Lompoc, Calif.

Chapin, 35, who was Mr. Nixon's appointment secretary in the White House, was convicted of falsely denying his role in the "dirty tricks" activities of Mr. Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.

Chapin denied he had told Donald Segretti to concentrate on the campaign of Senator Edmund Muskie (Dem.-Maine) for the Democratic nomination.

U.S. district judge Gerhard A. Gesell originally sentenced Chapin to serve 30 months but he reduced it to ten months last December 22 and recommended that Chapin be "paroled as soon as possible."

Chapin does not become technically eligible for parole until next Tuesday, the day on which he will complete one third of the reduced sentence. He did not enter prison until August 11 after exhausting all appeals.

In asking Gesell to reduce his sentence, Chapin wrote, "you may



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DWIGHT CHAPIN
7½ months in jail

want to know that I have accepted your punishment with a keen awareness that I would not be here if indeed I had not done something wrong."

Chapin also cited short terms some of the other Watergate defendants had served. None has completed his original sentence.

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