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Chapin Leaves Prison April 2

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The U. S. Board of Parole announced yesterday that Dwight L. Chapin, President Nixon's appointments secretary, will be released from prison on April 2.

At that time, Chapin will have served nearly eight months for his conviction on charges that he lied to a federal Watergate grand jury about his connections with admitted political campaign saboteur Donald H. Segretti.

The parole board gave no reason for its ruling.

Chapin originally had been sentenced to a prison term of 10-to-30 months for his conviction, but last December U. S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell reduced that sentence to 6 to 18 months with a recommendation that Chapin be paroled "as soon as possible."

It is understood that the Gesell statement and a favorable report about Chapin's prison adjustment by the warden at the Lompoc, Calif. federal prison camp played major roles in the early release of Chapin.

The warden, Gerald M. Farkas, said Chapin's institutional adjustment has been excellent. He said Chapin had been assigned to the food service department at the prison, where he had received "excellent work reports."

Chapin, 35, was convicted on April 5, 1974, of lying to the grand jury that was investigating "dirty tricks" conducted during the 1972 Nixon campaign.

Chapin denied to the grand jury that he had told Segretti to concentrate his "dirty tricks" on the presidential campaign of Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine). He also denied to the grand jury that he knew Segretti had distributed phony campaign literature.

At Chapin's trial, both statements were found to be false.

He began serving his sentence on Aug. 11, 1975, after the U. S. court of appeals upheld his conviction. The Supreme Court refused to hear the case.

In reducing Chapin's sentence last December, Gesell



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cited a handwritten note Chapin sent him in which he expressed remorse over his crime. At the time of sentencing he had maintained his innocence and shown no remorse.

Papers filed with Gesell noted that Chapin's wife, Susan, and his two daughters, Kim, 10, and Tracy, 8, have been living in Winnetka, Ill., since the spring of 1973, and that it has been difficult for them to visit the prisoner in California.