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Chapin Got Paid While In Prison

Chicago

Watergate conspirator Dwight Chapin was earning almost \$1000 a week while serving time in federal prison, it was reported here yesterday.

The Chicago Daily News said that throughout his almost eight months in prison, Chapin was paid at a rate of \$45,000 a year under a long-term contract with insurance tycoon W. Clement Stone. Chapin did nothing for the money because prison rules forbid it.

Stone was not available for comment, but a spokesman for the multi-millionaire confirmed details of the story.

The Daily News said Chapin was put on the payroll of W. Clement Stone Enterprises after he was convicted in April, 1974, of lying to the Watergate grand jury.

Stone was quoted as saying: "We have a contract with him. He's in my employ."

The insurance magnate, who contributed \$2 million to former President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign, described Chapin as "a man of outstanding character and ability."

Chapin, Mr. Nixon's former appointments secretary, was convicted of lying when he denied to the Watergate Grand Jury that he had ordered Donald Segretti, the Watergate "dirty tricks" specialist, to go after Senator Edmund Muskie of Maine, who was campaigning for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Chapin was released from a federal minimum-security prison in California earlier this month after serving almost eight months of a six- to 18-month sentence. *Reuters*