

# Ehrlichman Ordered to Start Term

## Washington

John Ehrlichman, once one of Richard Nixon's top presidential aides, was ordered yesterday to begin serving a 20-month prison sentence on September 17 for his role in the White House "plumbers" case.

U.S. District Judge Gerhard A. Gesell ordered Ehrlichman to report to the federal prison camp at Safford, Ariz., on or before that date.

Ehrlichman has been free on a personal recognizance bond since July 12, 1974, when he was convicted of violating the civil rights of Dr. Lewis Fielding, a psychiatrist who had been treating Pentagon papers figure Daniel Ellsberg.

Since then, Ehrlichman also has been convicted with three others of participating in the Watergate coverup and faces 2½ to eight years imprisonment in the case. The coverup case still is being considered by the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Ehrlichman's lawyers have already asked the appeals court to allow him to remain free while the case is carried to the Supreme Court. If the appeals court agrees, Ehrlichman would be permitted to stay out of prison, at least temporarily.

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