

Ehrlichman

To Stay Free For a While

Washington

John Ehrlichman apparently will remain free until the Supreme Court can act on an appeal of his conviction for ordering the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

The U.S. Court of Appeals here handed down an order made public yesterday that effectively blocks a ruling by U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell revoking Ehrlichman's bond and requiring him to surrender to federal marshals September 17.

Ehrlichman faces a 20-month to five-year sentence for violating the psychiatrist's civil rights.

The appeals court order came shortly after Gesell's was made public Tuesday, but reporters were not informed of the action until yesterday.

Ehrlichman was found guilty in July, 1974, of ordering White House "plumbers" to break into the office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding in an attempt to obtain Ellsberg's psychiatric records. The break-in occurred the night of Sept. 3, 1971.

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