

Ehrlichman Book on TV

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A television series based on "The Company," the novel by former White House adviser John D. Ehrlichman, will be produced by Paramount Pictures television division for viewing on ABC during the 1977-78 television season.

Michael Eisner, president of the television division, said yesterday that the series of at least eight hours will be a "work of fiction about contemporary Washington, not showing contemporary Washington all good or all bad. It will have elements of both. It is not the story of Watergate. It's the story of events that could have led to a breakdown of trust and confidence in Washington."

Eisner declined to say how much Ehrlichman was paid, but did say it was "not a substantial amount." Last month Ehrlichman began serving a 2½-to-8-year sentence for activities relating to the White House "plumbers" case.

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