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Former White House aide John D. Ehrlichman will not ask the Supreme Court to reconsider his Watergate coverup conviction and prison sentence, an attorney for Ehrlichman said yesterday.

The Supreme Court Monday rejected the appeals of Ehrlichman, former Attorney General John Mitchell and ex-White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman. The three were convicted of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and giving false testimony under oath and were sentenced to 30 months to eight years in prison for roles in the Watergate coverup.

"The Supreme Court has spoken and we accept the decision," Ehrlichman's attorney, Lawrence H. Schwartz, said.

Ehrlichman, who served the administration of former President Richard M. Nixon as its top official for domestic policy, has been an inmate at a federal prison camp in Arizona since October 28. He chose to begin serving his sentence while appealing his conviction.

Mitchell and Haldeman have remained free since the January 1, 1975, convictions while the appeals were pending. They could be imprisoned soon.

Attorneys for Mitchell and Haldeman said they will ask the Supreme Court, within the 25-day period allowed for such requests, to reconsider its decision not to hear the Watergate defendants' appeals.

Requests for reconsideration are rarely approved by the high court.

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