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Watergate Prisons Washington

Former Attorney General John Mitchell will serve his jail term at a small federal prison in Alabama populated by white collar criminals, the Bureau of Prisons announced yesterday.

The bureau also announced that H.R. Haldeman, Richard Nixon's White House chief of staff, will serve his jail term - as expected at the federal prison camp near Lompoc, which is close to his Los Angeles home.

Mitchell and Haldeman, convicted of conspiring with fellow Nixon administration officials in the Watergate coverup, are to surrender June 22 for a prison term

of 30 months to eight years.

The Bureau of Prisons said Mitchell will serve his time at a prison camp at Maxwell AFB in Montgomery, Ala., a minimum se-curity institution housing 300 inmates - mostly white collar criminals such as embezzlers and tax evaders.

A federal prison at Allenwood, Pa. is closer to Mitchell's New York home, but it has 540 inmates, the spokesman said.

Maxwell superintendent Robert Grunska said Mitchell, 63, will live in an open dormitory with 43 to 47 other men, and will be assigned a prison job, "based on his age and physical condition."

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Grunska said Mitchell should be safe from attack by other prisoners there, although some of his dormitory mates probably were imprisoned while he was in office.

"We're a minimum security facility," he said. "We don't have those who are prone to assaultive behavior or that kind of thing."

Mitchell, first attorney general in history to draw a jail term, "will be handled the same as any other inmate," Grunska said. "He will not be given preferential treatment."

Lompoc, with about 400 inmates, is a minimum security installation about 120 miles north of Los Angeles. It has dormitory type sleeping facilities with some smaller buildings where four men share quarters.

Mitchell and Haldeman were convicted 21/2 years ago in the Watergate coverup case and their legal appeals were rejected last month by the U.S. Supreme Court.

John Ehrlichman, whose appeal was rejected at the same time by the Supreme Court, began serving his sentence eight months ago at a work camp in Ārizona.

United Press

Ceausescu's Visit

East Berlin

President Nicolae Ceausescu of Romania flew here yesterday for his first official visit to East Germany in a decade.

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