

# Haldeman to Start Holiday Furlough

Lompoc, Santa Barbara county

Former President Richard Nixon's chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman, is scheduled to be released today for a six-day holiday furlough from the minimum security federal prison camp here, a spokesman said yesterday.

Haldeman's wife, Jo, said "we will be in Los Angeles" for the furlough. She declined comment on the visit, except to say that her 51-year-old husband "is getting what the others are getting."

Prison spokesman Gary Aldinger said about 115 of the 420 inmates at the minimum security camp have been granted Christmas furloughs of three to seven days.

The former Nixon administration official has been at the prison since June 21. He was sentenced in the Watergate case on Feb. 21, 1975, to two to eight years in prison on charges of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury. Two months ago, Watergate Judge John Sirica reduced Haldeman's sentence to one to four years.

"Generally, he's had no problems here," said Aldinger. "He's just been another inmate." He added that Haldeman performs clerical work in the camp's sewage treatment plant.

He becomes eligible for parole on June 20, 1978.

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