

No Early Parole For Haldeman

Washington

The U.S. Parole Commission ruled yesterday that Watergate coverup convict H. R. Haldeman must serve six more months in prison, rejecting his plea for immediate parole.

Sources said the decision to delay Haldeman's parole until December 20 stemmed mainly from the commission's desire to maintain "parity" in the imprisonment served by high-ranking Nixon White House conspirators in the coverup.

Haldeman, former chief of the presidential staff, was eligible for parole next week at the end of one year's imprisonment in the federal prison camp in Lompoc, Calif. on his 2½ to 8-year sentence.

He will end up serving 1½ years — the same as former Nixon domestic adviser John Ehrlichman.

Ehrlichman chose to begin

serving his sentence earlier than Haldeman and was paroled in April.

Former Attorney General John Mitchell, who has been plagued by health problems that enabled him to obtain medical furloughs for five months, is expected to take his appeal for an early parole to the board late this month or in July.

But a commission source said that unless there are extreme circumstances, Mitchell's request will be treated similarly.

A Lompoc prison spokesman said Haldeman declined any comment on the parole decision and relayed word he wants no contact with reporters.

As is its usual practice, the parole commission announced only the outcome of its deliberation. It does not disclose voting totals or the reason for its decisions.

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