

Dean Requested CIA To Pay Bail For Watergate Buggers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ten days after the Watergate break-in, John W. Dean III asked the CIA in vain to pay bail or salaries of the men arrested inside Democratic Party headquarters, it was disclosed Tuesday.

The disclosure, by the No. 2 man in the CIA, makes it "very clear to me that there was an attempt to unload major responsibility for the Watergate bugging and coverup on CIA," said Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo.

Symington released a summary of some of the testimony given Monday behind closed doors by Army Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, the deputy CIA director.

It quotes Walters: "He told Mr. Dean that there was no

way this could be done ... Gen. Walters stated that he told Mr. Dean that to spend funds in this way would implicate the agency and that he, Gen. Walters, was prepared to resign rather than to do this."

At the same time, it appeared that Warren Christopher, a Los Angeles attorney, is the leading prospect to be named special prosecutor in the Watergate probe.

Christopher, a former deputy attorney general, was thought to be the most likely choice of Atty. Gen-designate Elliot L. Richardson after U.S. District Court Judge Harold R. Tyler Jr. withdrew his name from the list of four finalists.

At the White House, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler

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said President Nixon had asked for an investigation of possible White House involvement last August "and was satisfied with what he was told."

But asked who had given Nixon the information, Ziegler replied: "I cannot get into that." He added it got to the President "in various ways."

Last Aug. 29, in a news conference, Nixon said Dean — the presidential lawyer who was fired last month — had "conducted a complete investigation of all leads which might involve any present members of the White House staff or anybody in the government."

Nixon said then "no one in this administration presently employed was involved in this very bizarre incident."

Dean said he never wrote such a report. "On a couple of occasions when I was asked to write some fairy tales, I drafted one which showed I thought they were fairy tales and just had other people speaking for themselves," he told Mary McGrory of the Washington Star-News in an interview Tuesday.

Dean spent three hours at the federal courthouse Tuesday giving a pre-trial statement in the civil suit seeking disclosure of Nixon campaign fund raising before last year's April 7 reporting deadline.

Dean also is being investigated by the grand jury and will have to testify before the Senate Watergate committee, which starts its public hearings Thursday.

Sen. Sam J. Ervin, D-N.C., chairman of the committee, said a formal request has been made to Chief U.S. District Judge John J. Sirica to grant "use immunity" to Dean and Roy H. Sheppard.

Such immunity frees a witness from prosecution for anything he might say — but not for any evidence developed independently.

Sources told The Associated Press that Sheppard, a man whose name has not figured in Watergate investigations before, is the former re-election committee employe said to have removed eight cartons of documents from the White House complex shortly after the June 17 Watergate breakin.

An attorney, Peter H. Wolf, claimed April 19 that a client, then unnamed, entered the Executive Office Building with a pass waiting for him at a guard gate.