public at the hearings.

Mr. Nixon said he let Haldeman listen to only one tape, that of a meeting with Dean last Sept. 15. Haldeman, on the other hand, has testified that the President let him listen as well to tapes of the March 21 meeting with Dean.

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seven defendants were making "money demands" that he said could reach $1 million. He also said the subject of executive clemency was mentioned briefly.

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In discussing a meeting March 22 with Haldeman, Dean, Ehrlichman and former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, Mr. Nixon said he emphasized throughout that "we must get this story out, the Watergate burglary and subsequent cover-up, out—the truth out, whatever and whoever it goes to hell."

Dean, in his testimony said the meeting was general discussion and "no other indication there would be no effort to stop the cover-up from continuing."

Mitchell told the committee that Watergate was not discussed in detail at the March 22 meeting, but Haldeman said those present—including the President—agreed that "there should be no cover-up put out by the White House" giving all the information then available about the burglary and subsequent events.

Asked yesterday whom he had pressed to investigate the Watergate affair, the President said that shortly after the June 17, 1972 break-in at the Watergate