

Another Best-Seller From the

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John Dean's Watergate memoirs have been purchased for hard-over publication by Simon & Schuster, Inc., for an advance of more than \$300,000. Dean will be working with Alice Mayhew,

the same editor who worked with Carl Bernstein and Bob Woodward on "All the President's Men."

Richard Snyder, executive vice president at Simon & Schuster, said he expects that the same "team" effort will produce another best-selling Watergate book for

publication in the spring of 1976. Snyder was reached for comment yesterday in Beverly Hills, Calif., where he had just completed negotiations for the book with Dean and David Obst, the literary agent who also represented Woodward and Bernstein.

"I was extremely excited by Dean's book proposal," said Snyder. "It was sensationally revelatory." Snyder said Dean's manuscript will be delivered in "seven or eight months."

Because of prior option arrangements, it has not yet been decided whether Ban-

Same Watergate Publishing Team?

tam, the original contractor on Dean's book of essays and his novel, or Pocket Books, the paperback house owned by Simon & Schuster, will publish the paperback edition. If Bantam exercises its 90-day option, then it becomes a partner with Simon & Schuster.

publishing deal, according to Snyder, who said that his only other similar negotiations occurred with Avon. Simon & Schuster and Avon are partners in a \$600,000 advance for "Shardik," Richard Adams' new book following "Watership Down."

Snyder also purchased the hardcover rights to Maureen Dean's book, tentatively titled "Mo" (her nickname), and said that publication may be scheduled for this fall. Working with Time Magazine Washington correspondent, Hays Gorey, Mrs. Dean has completed half of

her nonfiction book, which has been described as "a love story." Bantam, the prime contractor, paid an advance of more than \$100,000 for the book and will publish the paperback edition a year after the hardcover publication.