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Developments in 2 Cases

Richardson hearing: On the first day of confirmation hearings, Attorney General-designate Elliot L. Richardson told the Senate Judiciary Committee that although he planned to delegate considerable authority to a special Watergate prosecutor for whom he had begun a search, he would maintain "ultimate responsibility." His position was challenged amid indications his confirmation was in doubt.

The Dean evidence: On the basis of extensive interviews, Senate and Federal investigators say they believe that John W. Dean 3d, the deposed White House counsel, has no evidence linking President Nixon either to the Watergate bugging or any cover-up. Prosecutors and the Senate are reported to be in conflict over a Senate decision to seek immunity for Mr. Dean before it begins public Watergate hearings.

Assurance by Nixon: President Nixon told 1,500 Republicans at a fund-raising dinner that his appointees would "get to the bottom of this very deplorable" Watergate scandal and that it would not paralyze the Government.

C.I.A. involvement: The Central Intelligence Agency's role in the burglary of the office of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist was declared "an ill-advised act" by the agency's director. He said the C.I.A. had been "insufficiently cautious in providing materials" for E. Howard Hunt Jr., who has confessed involvement in the Watergate break-in and acknowledged a role in planning the burglary of the psychiatrist's office.

Denial of suppression: Following a day of silence, Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, declared unfounded the reports that President Nixon had tried to prevent the Justice Department from giving information on the burglary of the psychiatrist's office to the Pentagon papers trial court.

The Ellsberg trial: On the eve of arguments for the dismissal of the case against Dr. Ellsberg, the court was given affidavits in which both the Ellsberg prosecutor and the Watergate prosecutor denied knowledge of the burglary of the psychiatrist's office before April 16, 1973.

Krogh's resignation: Egil Krogh Jr., the former White aide who has admitted authorizing the burglary of the psychiatrist's office, resigned as Under Secretary of Transportation.

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