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Colson Disputes Dean's Testimony

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House aide Charles W. Colson Sunday disputed John W. Dean III's testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee that Dean gave President Nixon "a full report of all the facts" in the Watergate case last March 21.

"I don't believe Mr. Dean laid out all the facts as he said he did on March 21," Colson said on the CBS television program "Face the Nation."

Colson, who had left the White House staff to enter law practice in Washington, said the President called him the evening of March 21 and said "that he had to get to the bottom of the Watergate himself, that he had to find out the truth. He had to find out what was going on."

"He knew at that point that he was not being told the truth, that he was being given confusing information."

Dean, fired as White House counsel on April 30, testified for five days before the Senate committee last week.

He said that on March 21, he told the President "that there was a cancer growing on the presidency and that if the cancer was not removed that the President himself would be killed by it."

Dean said he then proceeded to tell all he knew about the June 17, 1972, break-in at Democratic National Committee headquarters and about his own involvement as well as that of other administration and campaign officials.

Dean said that when he finished "I realized I had not really made the President understand."

In an interview published Sunday in the Washington Post, presidential counsel J. Fred Buzhardt said Nixon is uncertain whether he will answer Dean's allegations that the President knew of the attempted cover-up of the Watergate scandal.

"I'm not sure we want to put the President in a position to answer a confessed felon," Buzhardt told the Post.

"I'm sure the President doesn't know a lot about this," Buzhardt said. "Most people are confused to the deuce. What makes anyone think he's

true."

The Times story said Colson sought intervention before the National Labor Relations Board to settle a Teamsters Union

matter; tried to influence a Pennsylvania State Supreme Court decision on a construction union case; and opposed the appointment of a black la-

bor expert as Labor Department regional director for New York.

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in a different position?"

Buzhardt said he doesn't doubt Dean "believes in what he said sincerely," but, he added, he thinks the former counsel's "imagination got away from him."

Colson also said a story published Sunday in the New York Times saying he sought to influence the Labor Department in an effort to aid Nixon's reelection campaign "is not