

# TWO NIXON AIDES EXPECTED TO SEE U.S. PROSECUTORS

Haldeman and Ehrlichman  
Reportedly Will Discuss  
the Watergate Case

NO SUBPOENA IS ISSUED

Meeting on Possible Roles  
in Break-in and Cover-up  
Is Likely in Midweek

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WASHINGTON, April 29—  
H. R. Haldeman, the White  
House chief of staff, and John D.  
Ehrlichman, President Nixon's  
top domestic adviser, will meet  
with Federal prosecutors this  
week to discuss their possible  
roles in the Watergate break-in  
and its subsequent cover-up,  
sources close to the case said  
today.

The sources said that ar-  
rangements for the meeting,  
expected in midweek, had been  
quietly worked out during con-  
ferences between John J. Wil-  
son, the attorney for the White  
House aides, and Earl J. Silbert,  
the chief Government prose-  
cutor.

No subpoena or invitation  
has been issued for the appear-  
ance of Mr. Haldeman and Mr.  
Ehrlichman before the grand  
jury, the sources said. Prelimi-  
nary meetings such as the one  
to be held with Mr. Silbert  
usually precede formal testi-  
mony.

Mr. Wilson refused to com-  
ment on the report.

It could not be learned on  
which day the two men will  
appear.

## First Formal Sign

The summoning of Mr. Halde-  
man and Mr. Ehrlichman to  
the meeting with Mr. Silbert  
is the first formal sign that

they are under investigation by  
the grand jury, although there  
have been repeated newspaper  
reports to that effect.

Mr. Haldeman is known to  
be under inquiry to determine  
whether his office had a role  
in the initial bugging operation  
or in any subsequent attempts  
to obstruct the investigation.

Mr. Ehrlichman was cited by  
L. Patrick Gray 3d, who re-  
signed Friday as acting director  
of the Federal Bureau of Inves-  
tigation, as being present at a  
meeting 11 days after the  
Watergate break-in at which  
Mr. Gray was handed a file  
containing documents belong-  
ing to one of the Watergate  
participants and strongly  
urged, in effect, to make sure  
that they "never see the light  
of day."

Mr. Gray said the files had  
been handed him by John W.

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Dean 3d, the White House  
counsel, who is reported to be  
seeking immunity before mak-  
ing an appearance before the  
grand jury.

Mr. Gray is expected to testi-  
fy soon before the grand jury,  
but he has told friends that he  
will not be able to say that he  
was explicitly "ordered" to de-  
stroy the files.

## Report of Cover-Up Order

The Washington Post re-  
ported today that Mr. Dean "in-  
tends to swear under oath" that  
he was ordered by Mr. Halde-  
man and Mr. Ehrlichman to  
coordinate the cover-up after  
the June, 1972, break-in and re-  
ported regularly on its progress  
to his superiors. The Post, citing  
White House sources, said that  
Mr. Nixon and his advisers  
were now attempting to devise  
a strategy that would offset the  
Dean charges.

Mr. Dean's associates and  
friends have been saying for  
nearly two weeks that the 35-  
year-old lawyer will—as one  
insider repeated again today—  
"put it to those two guys [Mr.  
Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlich-  
man]."

Mr. Silbert and his two prin-  
cipal assistants, Seymour Glan-  
zer and Donald E. Campbell,  
are known to have met with  
Mr. Dean on April 6, but have  
thus far refused his demand for  
immunity.

## 'They Don't Believe Anybody'

The prosecutors have repeat-

edly refused to discuss any mat-  
ters before the grand jury, but  
one knowledgeable source said  
that their hesitancy over grant-  
ing Mr. Dean's immunity was  
based on their belief that his  
testimony alone may not pro-  
vide enough evidence to indict

Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlich-  
man.

The source described the  
prosecutors as being concerned  
over Mr. Dean's finger-pointing  
in public.

"Their attitude now is that  
they don't believe anybody or  
anything they hear," the source  
said. "They're suspicious about  
the propaganda and finger-  
pointing going on in public be-  
cause that stuff is causing con-  
fusion and blurring issues."

Another source who is close-  
ly connected to the Watergate  
investigation suggested that  
Mr. Dean, through his public  
statements, "is trying to tor-  
ture the prosecutors to death.  
He's saying if you want to hear  
all of my story, you've got to  
give me immunity."

"My guess is," the source  
added, "that the prosecutors  
will end up giving him what he  
wants."

## Nixon at Camp David

Mr. Nixon, meanwhile, spent  
a second day in seclusion at  
Camp David, amid reports that  
he may be preparing a major  
statement on what most ob-  
servers believe to be the most  
serious political crisis of his  
career. The President was  
joined late yesterday by Rose  
Mary Woods, his long-time per-  
sonal secretary.

Another report suggested  
that Mr. Nixon was conferring  
secretly with a small group of  
trusted aides and friends.

Other Watergate develop-  
ments today included the fol-  
lowing:

Time magazine reported  
that Charles W. Colson, a for-  
mer White House counsel, re-  
cruited young men during the  
1972 Presidential campaign to  
pose as homosexual supporters  
of Senator George McGovern,  
Democrat of South Dakota, in  
an apparent attempt to link Mr.  
McGovern with the "gay lib-

eration" cause. Mr. Colson de-  
nied the report, Time said.

Senator Charles H. Percy,  
Republican of Illinois, said in  
a television interview that he  
would introduce a Senate reso-  
lution tomorrow calling on Mr.  
Nixon to appoint a politically  
independent prosecutor for the  
Watergate case. Robert W. Me-  
serve of Boston, president of  
the American Bar Association,  
endorsed the proposal in a  
meeting with newsmen here.

Senator Lowell P. Weicker

Jr. Republican of Connecticut,  
a member of the Senate com-  
mittee on Watergate, said that  
Mr. Gray was assured last  
Thursday evening that Presi-  
dent Nixon wanted him to stay  
on the job as acting F.B.I. di-  
rector. After the newspaper ac-  
counts the next morning of his  
destruction of documents, the  
Senator said, Mr. Gray made a  
decision to resign about noon,  
and was informed by the  
Florida White House that his  
decision was acceptable.

Mr. Weicker sharply criti-  
cized what he said was the in-  
plication in the subsequent  
White House announcement  
that evening by the press sec-  
retary, Ronald L. Ziegler, that  
Mr. Gray had been forced out.  
"I am not going to accept  
any other version," Mr. Weicker  
said during a television inter-  
view.

HURON, Mich., April 29 (AP)  
—Several Democratic Govern-  
ors called today for the ap-  
pointment of an independent  
prosecutor in the Watergate  
case.

They reported increasing pub-  
lic reaction to the reports that  
President Nixon's top advisers  
had been involved in both the  
bugging last year of the Demo-  
cratic party's Watergate head-  
quarters and alleged efforts to  
shut it up.  
Gov. John J. Gilligan of Ohio

called for an independent pro-  
secutor and termed the Water-  
gate revelation "one of the  
most shattering experiences the  
American people have gone  
through in 200 years." He is  
host for two days of meetings  
at this Lake Erie resort by  
Democratic Governors, starting  
tomorrow.

Gov. Wendell Ford of Ken-  
tucky suggested that either  
Chief Justice Warren E. Burger,  
a Republican, or the American  
Bar Association select an in-  
dependent prosecutor to conduct  
a Watergate inquiry. The cur-  
rent inquiry is proceeding under  
Justice Department direction  
before a grand jury in Wash-  
ington.

Gov. Cecil Andrus of Idaho  
said he thought it would be "ex-  
tremely hard to get anyone in-  
dependent" but added, "it cer-  
tainly shouldn't be handled by  
the Justice Department."