

Dean Neighbors Sympathetic

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On Alexandria's Quay Street, where former White House counsel John W. Dean III lives in a cream-colored corner town house overlooking the Potomac, his sensational role in the Watergate hearings has caused hardly a ripple in the self-contained lives of his neighbors.

Residents on and near Quay speak politely, sympathetically and very briefly about Dean's problems.

Two who started to give full answers to questions about the impact of Dean's sudden fame on the neighborhood were stopped in midsentence by reproaches from other family members.

"I feel very saddened to think about all these young men who have educated themselves so beautifully and now have to submit to all this down-to-earth questioning," one woman said as she stood in her doorway.

She started to speak again, but a voice from inside said, "Mama, mama, please, we don't..."

"I feel sorry for their foolishness," she began again, looking over her shoulder.

"Mother, please, we have nothing to say," the voice from within said.

"Well, I guess that's all I should say," the woman concluded. "I'm sorry."

Only six residents of the 27 houses on Quay were at home at midday yesterday. "Most of the people here are retired and away on holiday or they are young couples who work," Faye Tilp, who lives with her architect husband Frederick at 124 Quay, said.

"I've been watching the hearings some, but I've been busy with a convention here in town today. Everyone here is pretty busy and live their own lives," she said.

Dean was one of the first residents of what are known in Alexandria as the Brant Townhouses, built on the city's waterfront in the last three years. In 1970, according to city real estate records, he bought a house at 118 Princess St., one block north of Quay, for \$52,500.

Last year, he sold that house for \$65,000 and bought his present home at 100 Quay for \$72,500. From his new house, he can look across Union Street to a colorful sign advertising the coming of the "new Watergate", four 19-story apartment towers to be built by the developers of Washington's Watergate complex.

A block away at the west end of Quay, a five-story office building has among its tenants the Alexandria field office of the FBI.

Midway between Dean's house and FBI offices, a new resident has become an additional neighborhood reminder to Dean of his role in current events. He is Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.), a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, who recently occupied the house at 119 Quay.

Dean testified yesterday that the Brant Townhouses sold slowly at first and were going for bargains when he bought in 1970. A former neighbor on Princess Street confirmed that she was the

only resident of the project for 10 months before Dean and a few of his friends bought houses. She started to elaborate, but was stopped by another family member who cautioned her to say nothing.

Since then, the development has been completed and prices have moved from the low \$50s for 18-foot, three-story town houses to the \$60s, \$70s and even middle \$80s for larger corner houses.

Two of Dean's neighbors expressed admiration for him. John Bean, a patent searcher who was home for lunch yesterday, said, "People here like him. I just know him well enough to speak to him on the street. I've been watching him, and I admire his poise. He is a good witness."

Of the few children on Quay, one is Mary Lynn Wilcox, who was babysitting for another neighbor yesterday. "I think he's done very well," she said. "He's very nice."



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This is the neighborhood on Alexandria's waterfront where former White House counsel John W. Dean III lives.

The Dean residence is on the end of Quay Street and overlooks the Potomac River. Homes sell for up to \$30,000.