

# Excerpts From Summary of Dean

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The following are excerpts from the summary prepared by staff members of the Senate Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities after their interview last Saturday with John W. Dean 3d, the former White House legal counsel:

Dean [joined the White House staff in July, 1970, and shortly thereafter] talked directly to and received written memos from President on subject of Presidential concern over demonstrations.

Pentagon papers leak was the subject of a Cabinet meeting. Haldeman thought a plan should be developed for deterring leaks in Government. Malek, Higby, Strachan were to develop project that would complement "plumbers unit." There was an independent staff study of Chappaquiddick incident; there was intelligence on Larry O'Brien in early 1970.

Reports [developed by a private intelligence gathering effort under John J. Caulfield] were sent to Haldeman and Ehrlichman, who sent them to the President.

Caulfield asked that Dean arrange meeting between Caulfield and Mitchell on Nov. 24, [1971]. Caulfield was given assignment to survey McCloskey's New Hampshire campaign. Ulasewicz undertook this survey.

Magruder called Dean and said he thought Dean should be at a meeting on Jan. 27, [1972], with Mitchell, Magruder and Liddy, where Liddy presented his plan of mugging, prostitution, kidnapping,

electronic surveillance, etc.

[After a second meeting on Feb. 4 of the same participants], Dean told Liddy he didn't want to ever discuss this again. Dean told Haldeman what had been going on, and Haldeman agreed that Dean should stay out of it.

Strachan told Dean [after the arrest of five men inside Democratic party offices at the Watergate on June 17, 1972] that Strachan had received instructions from Haldeman to destroy documents—these related to wiretap information.

Dean told Ehrlichman [after the Watergate break-in was disclosed] about the January and February meetings, and that something must have happened after Feb. 4 and before June 17.

There was a meeting in Mitchell's [Watergate] apartment on June 19, with Mitchell, Mardian, Magruder, Dean (LaRue may have been there) regarding how to handle the publicity.

## Written Report Wanted

During the last week of June, Dean told Ehrlichman and Haldeman what happened as far as Dean knew. Dean told Mitchell that Dean gathered this thing was "signed off on" and Mitchell said that that was pretty close to what happened, but they thought it was going to be three or four times removed from C.R.P. [the Committee for the Re-election of the President.]

Haldeman told Dean [after the Watergate arrests] he didn't know anything about this thing. In December, Dean was asked to write a written report.

Mardian suggested that the C.I.A. might be of assistance. Ehrlichman told Dean that Dean should deal with Walters, not Helms, because Walters owed his allegiance to the White House. On June 26, [1972,] Dean called Walters to see if Walters could be of any assistance, and Walters said it would be a sad idea and Dean agreed. Ehrlichman was dissatisfied. On June 27, Ehrlichman said to lean on Walters.

Ehrlichman told Dean to throw material from Hunt's safe in river (briefcase containing antenna, wires, instructions involving walkie-talkies).

Dean told Kleindienst that there was quite a potential that the involvement would lead to the President, because there is very little that Haldeman does that the President does not know about.

Magruder told Dean that Colson pushed hard for Liddy's plan, and Magruder was afraid that Colson would take over operations, and Magruder did not want that.

Dean recommended that Magruder be relieved from C.R.P. and in early July (sic) Mitchell was leaving and Magruder was staying. Dean told Haldeman that this was a mistake.

LaRue gave Kalmbach instructions as to disbursements of money to defendants.

Dean did not sit in on all F.B.I. interviews [with White House officials after the Watergate break-in]. Dick Moore was the only one in the White House to see them [the F.B.I. summaries of the inter-

views]. Parker [apparently a misspelling of the name of Kenneth W. Parkinson, chief attorney for the C.E.P.], O'Brien and Mardian came to Dean's office to read them. Mardian was critical of the investigating being done by Gray—he thought Gray was pushing too hard.

## Statement on Perjury

Dean knew Magruder would commit perjury [at the Watergate trial in January of this year]. Haldeman and Ehrlichman wanted Dean to help Magruder get through the grand jury. Magruder wanted Dean to corroborate his testimony, and Dean wouldn't.

Dean met with the President after the indictments had been handed down. Haldeman was there. Nixon said that Haldeman had reported what a good job Dean had done. Nixon said Hoover had told him that Nixon had been bugged in the 1968 campaign, and Nixon said that sometime in the future they would have to use it to their advantage.

Nixon said Timmons should get on the Patman hearing [of the House Banking and Currency Committee] and make sure it (sic) didn't get out of hand. Nixon told Dean he hoped Dean was keeping a list of press who were giving them trouble, and they would take care of them after the election. Nixon said that the Democrats had always had effective use of I.R.S. [Internal Revenue Service] audits, but they had failed.

Dean has documents where President Nixon requested that tax audits be turned off

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on friends of his. Haldeman was taking notes at this meeting, White House and C.R.P. blocked Patman hearings by bringing pressure on people to vote against subpoenaing witnesses.

The pre-1968 primary money was brought to Dean to hold by Howard and Strachan—\$15,200. In October, Dean put check in safe replacing \$4,850, which he took out for his wedding and honeymoon.

Hunt would only talk to Colson about Hunt's future and executive clemency. Colson asked Dean what to do. Dean told Colson to see Bittman. After that meeting, Colson said they would have to do something for Hunt. Ehrlichman said he would check and see.

Ehrlichman reported that he had checked with the President, and that Colson should tell Bittman that there would be clemency. Dean heard this from Colson. In the spring, Dean had discussion with the President about this.

## Agrees With Testimony

Dean basically agrees with Caulfield's testimony. Dean told Caulfield that Caulfield couldn't tell McCord that the President had O.K.'d executive clemency, just that it came from the "highest authorities."

On Feb. 10, [1973] and thereabouts there were meetings in La Costa, Calif., concerning the Senate committee which was coming into existence at this time. There were efforts to amend the resolution, to influence the selec-

tion of the minority members and the minority counsel.

After these efforts all failed, there were discussions as to how to deal with the committee. At the Feb. 10 meeting, those present were Haldeman, Ehrlichman, Richard Moore and Dean.

On Ehrlichman's instructions, Baker was contacted by phone by Wally Johnson. Baker said he did not want any White House input into the decision of choosing the minority counsel. Word came to the White House that Baker was interested in an off-the-record, meeting with the White House on Feb. 21 or 22. After the meeting, Dean had discussion with Haldeman and President.

Dean said that the White House may have interpreted the meeting differently than did Baker. The White House thought Baker was going to assist them. The President said that Baker wanted Kleindienst to be liaison between himself and White House.

At this point in the executive session [of the Senate committee last Saturday] Baker stated that he contacted the White House through Timmons, requesting to discuss executive privilege—Baker thought executive privilege should be waived.

Dean said that on several occasions word was sent down from Baker's office that Baker was seeking guidance. At this point in the executive session, Baker said that he only knew of one time when Jordan of Baker's staff asked for organizational charts.

Also at the La Costa meeting, Moore was asked to go

to New York and prevail upon Mitchell to get money for the defendants. Mitchell ignored it.

Dean received a message from Hunt—in which Hunt said he wanted \$72,000 for living expenses and \$50,000 for attorneys' fees or Hunt would have things to say about the seamy things Hunt did for Ehrlichman while Hunt was at the White House. Dean told Ehrlichman, and Ehrlichman told Dean to call Mitchell.

On March 21 or 22 [1973], Ehrlichman asked Mitchell if Hunt's problem had been taken care of, and Mitchell said, "Yes." Hunt's asking for money came to the attention of the President. Dean has a tape of Colson's conversation with Hunt in which Hunt asked for money.

The President asked Dean [sometime earlier this year] to report directly to him on the Watergate, because it was taking up too much of Haldeman's and Ehrlichman's time.

## Goes to Camp David

Dean had a meeting with Krogh about Ellsberg's psychiatrist's office. This concerns national security.

On March 20 [1973], Dean talked to the President and asked to see the President the next day. Dean was going to tell the President all he knew.

On March 22, there was a meeting with Haldeman and Ehrlichman. There was an effort to get Mitchell to take the heat for the presituation [the Watergate break-in planning] and avoid grand jury and others from getting to

the post-situation [the attempted cover-up].

On March 23, O'Brien told Dean what McCord had done in the courtroom [Sirica letter]. Dean had a call from the President, who said that Dean should go to Camp David and rest. After Dean got there, Haldeman called and told Dean to write a report on what he knew. Dean returned on the 28th, after Haldeman called him back to meet with Mitchell and Magruder to discuss questions on testimony that needed to be straightened out.

Dean noticed a different attitude on the part of Haldeman. This was a signal to Dean that Haldeman was trying to protect Haldeman's position. Ehrlichman was beginning to have different recollections about things that occurred. So, Dean did not hand over his report.

On March 30, Dean talked to Shaffer.

Dean will discuss why President picked the 21st [of March] as having new revelations. [President Nixon asserted in April that new revelations about Watergate case had come to his attention on March 21.] Dean's scapegoat remark [to newsmen in April] had to do with meetings he had with the President and some information Dean heard that [the] President allegedly [told] to Petersen.

On April 13, Dean went to Ehrlichman and read Ehrlichman a list of people who Dean thought were involved.

On April 15, Dean met with the President in the morning and the afternoon.