

Ehrlichman Says Nixon Relied on Dean

Los Angeles

Former presidential adviser John D. Ehrlichman said yesterday that he and President Nixon had relied "totally on the assurances" of former special counsel John Dean III in making denials that anyone on the White House staff was involved in the Watergate scandal.

Ehrlichman, former domestic affairs adviser to Mr. Nixon, met with reporters after testifying for nearly two hours before the Los Angeles county grand jury investigating the burglary of the office of Daniel Ells-

berg's psychiatrist. But he declined to answer questions regarding the effort to obtain Ellsberg's psychiatric files.

SUBPOENA

Following Ehrlichman's four-minute press conference, District Attorney Joseph P. Busch said that proceedings will be initiated Monday to subpoena Ehrlichman's former aide, Egil (Bud) Krogh.

Krogh, after agreeing voluntarily to testify here, backed out of that agreement, Busch said.

Krogh, however, filed a seven-page, 58-point state-

ment on his knowledge about the break-in, which occurred over the Labor Day weekend of 1971.

In that statement, Krogh said that "general authorization for covert activity" to obtain Ellsberg's psychological history had been given by Ehrlichman.

DEPARTED

At the press conference yesterday, Ehrlichman abruptly departed as reporters attempted to ask about Krogh's statement.

Asked earlier whether Dean actually ever made a report to Mr. Nixon on Watergate matters prior to ear-

ly March of this year, Ehrlichman said:

"Some people think that a report must be typewritten, double-spaced and on embossed paper. This has led to a lot of confusion, but there was a whole series of reports to Mr. Nixon from Mr. Dean, and there were repeated assurances of no White House personnel involvement."

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Ehrlichman asked that he and other high-ranking former White House aides be credited with "justifiable reliance" on those assurances.

Ehrlichman also maintained that Dean had access to the results of "intensive investigations" into the Watergate affair and that he was "privy to one made by the FBI, notably."

"The fruits of that investigation and Mr. Dean's conclusions were faithfully imparted to the President," Ehrlichman said.

In regard to his grand jury appearance on the break-in at the Beverly Hills office of Dr. Lewis J. Fielding, Ehrlichman said he "tried to answer all of their questions to the best of my ability." *L.A. Times Service*

