

Rangel: Dean List Is 'Racist'

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Rep. Charles B. Rangel said yesterday that the inclusion of congressional Black Caucus members in a White House list of enemies is "evident of blatant racism in the administration."

The New York Democrat, who is secretary of the caucus, said the list released by John Dean during the Watergate hearings "shows that the White House is ready to investigate, intimidate, harass and even remove those who stand in its way."

"The inclusion in the list of White House enemies released by John Dean of every black congressman can be interpreted only as evidence of blatant racism in the administration," Rangel said.

Saying no other racial or ethnic group of congressmen was included in the list, Rangel said the caucus is committed "to social progress, economic opportunity and equal justice for all Americans."

"It is this commitment which threatens the administration and makes it ready to bring the full force of government to bear to destroy those who seek to be the advocates of the people," Rangel said.

"First the congressional Black Caucus is singled out as the enemy, then what follows? Are all black people in America to be so classified and dealt with as enemies by this administration?"