

# Indicted Dean Says Mail Was Opened

An attorney for Federal City College dean of education Joseph C. Paige yesterday told a federal judge that Paige's home had been burglarized three times and his mail tampered with during the government's probe that ended in Paige's indictment on fraud charges.

While not accusing the government of the acts, Charles Duncan said that files relating to the Paige probe had been rifled and stolen and that "in these times, we can't be too careful."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Seymour Glanzer, who is familiar with similar charges as

one of the three local prosecutors who has been handling the Watergate investigation for the past year, spoke in his role as head of the fraud section of the U.S. attorney's office here to deny any government involvement in the Paige break-ins.

The evidence in the Paige case, Glanzer said, was obtained only by "legal and legitimate investigations." The fraud unit handled the investigation in the U.S. attorney's office.

Glanzer also said the government had copies of the burglary reports that Paige had filed with the metropolitan police after the incidents, and there was no mention in those of any files being disturbed or taken.

Duncan produced one letter addressed to Paige that had been opened by a postal official prior to its delivery in evidence of what Duncan claimed had been mail tampering. The letter had been initialed by the postal official who opened it, and the court asked Glanzer to determine why it had been opened and make a report to the court.

Yesterday's hearing concerned various pretrial motions including one that an early August trial date be postponed because Paige is undergoing daily therapy at Georgetown Hospital and is not able to fully cooperate in preparation of his defense. Paige fell down a flight of stairs the day the indictment was returned.

Paige and Assistant Dean Charles Wells were indicted after a several-month probe by a grand jury here on charges of defrauding the U.S. Office of Education and Federal City College of more than \$200,000, and obstruction of justice.