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**U.S. Blocks Testimony
By Dean in Hoffa Suit**

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Government attorneys have blocked former White House Counsel John W. Dean III from testifying about conversations with White House and Justice Department staff members about a condition that was placed on former Teamsters president Jame R. Hoffa's release from prison in December, 1971.

The attorneys invoked a general attorney-client privilege on all of those conversations. The move came as Dean was giving a sworn statement in a civil suit by Hoffa, who is attempting to lift the restriction that bars him from seeking union office until 1980.

Hoffa claims the ban is illegal, that he did not agree to it, and that it was the result of a deal between Teamsters president Frank Fitzsimmons and then White House aide Charles W. Colson.

In other motions filed yesterday, the government sub-