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White House Plot Seen in Fund Case

DALLAS, Aug. 3, (UPI)—Attorneys for former Texas Insurance Commissioner John Osorio say former presidential counsel John W. Dean III has told them the White House has documents that show the Texas stock fraud scandal was part of a Republican plot to discredit Democrats.

Emmett Colvin and Jerry Birdwell said in a motion filed this week with U.S. District Court Judge William M. Taylor Jr. that they spoke with Dean Sunday in Washington and he confirmed the existence of such documents. A hearing on the motion is set for Monday.

Osorio is charged along with former State Attorney General Waggoner Carr with securities fraud, mail fraud, false filings to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and conspiracy, all in connection with the stock fraud scandal.

Carr filed a motion several weeks ago alleging the existence of such a plot and claim-

ing that his case should be dismissed because of it.

The motion filed by Osorio's attorneys asks for subpoenas to obtain the alleged documents from presidential counsel J. F. Fred Buzhardt. It refers to a "file of documents" delivered by former Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray or Assistant U.S. Attorney General Henry Peterson to a meeting two years ago in Dean's office.

According to the motion the meeting occurred shortly after Houston financier Frank W. June 14, 1971, for his testimony regarding the stock Sharp was granted immunity fraud case. Immunity was requested by the federal government and granted by a federal judge.

The motion claimed the documents were "voluminous" and contained reviews of the Texas investigation and the relationship of Will Wilson, a Texan and former chief of the criminal division of the Justice Department, with Sharp,