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Executive privilege - From Nixon press conference: "Mr. Dean is counsel to the White House staff. He has, in effect, what I would call a double privilege, the lawyer-client relationship, as well as the Presidential privilege. I am not going to have the counsel to the President of the United States testify in a formal session before the Congress. However, Mr. Dean will furnish information when any of it is requested, provided it is pertinent to the investigation."

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"If the Senate feels at this time that [in] this matter of separation of powers ... they want a court test, we would welcome it. Perhaps this is the time to have the highest court of this land make a definitive decision with regard to this matter. I am not suggesting that we are asking for it. But I would suggest that if the members of the Senate ... decide that they want to test this matter in the courts, we will, of course, present our side of the case, and we think that the Supreme Court will uphold as it always usually has, the great constitutional principle of separation of powers rather than to uphold the Senate."

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