

# The Day's Developments

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**The wiretap logs:** William D. Ruckelshaus, the acting F.B.I. director, reported that a search of a White House safe belonging to John D. Ehrlichman, President Nixon's former chief adviser on domestic affairs, produced the records of 17 wiretaps placed on newsmen and Government officials during a 21-month effort to halt "leaks" of secret information to the press. Mr. Ruckelshaus said he and an F.B.I. agent found the files last Friday about an hour after the collapse of the Government's Pentagon papers case against Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, who was among those overheard.

Henry A. Kissinger, the President's adviser on foreign affairs, acknowledged that he saw wiretaps in 1969 but denied that he had authorized any of them and insisted that he learned of the White House "plumbers" operation only recently.

**The C.I.A. involvement:** After Senate testimony by a C.I.A. deputy director, Senator Stuart Symington said three former Presidential aides were deeply involved in trying to draw the C.I.A. into domestic "undercover activities" other than the burglary of the office of Dr. Ellsberg's psychiatrist. The Senator identified the aides as Mr. Ehrlichman, H. R. Haldeman and John W. Dean 3d.

**The Dean papers:** Federal Judge John J. Sirica instructed his clerk to take custody of "top secret" papers turned over to the court by Mr. Dean, the ousted Presidential counsel. After a hearing attended by Mr. Dean, the judge also held that copies be made available to Federal prosecutors and the Senate panel investigating the Watergate case. He did so despite a White House request to return the papers as President Nixon's property.

Meanwhile, the White House press secretary, Ronald L. Ziegler, raised new questions about the Watergate investigation supposedly carried out by Mr. Dean for the President last summer.

**Prosecutor candidates:** Attorney General-designate Elliott L. Richardson said before a Senate committee that two members of the new White House staff—Gen. Alexander M. Haig and Leonard Garment—had suggested to him two possible candidates for special prosecutor in the Watergate case, but that he had discarded the suggestions.

**Nixon role in campaign:** The former deputy campaign manager, Jeb Stuart Magruder, was quoted as saying several months ago that Mr. Nixon played a vital and active role in campaign planning and policy-making until a month after the Watergate break-in.