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John Dean Testifies-- In ITT Case

Washington

John W. Dean III, deposed White House aide, testified for three hours yesterday on the transfer of files in the International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. controversy.

Chairman Harley Staggers of the House commerce subcommittee on investigations indicated that the panel also questioned Dean about the Vesco case.

Dean, accompanied by his wife, Maureen, declined to answer questions from newsmen before and after the closed session of the committee.

Staggers (Dem.-W.Va.), said Dean had been "very frank with us. He has been helpful to our committee." He said Dean did not refuse to answer any questions.

William J. Casey, former chairman of the SEC, now undersecretary of state, has said he conferred with Dean at the White House last October before sending 34 cartons of ITT documents to the Justice Department in a move that kept them out of reach of Senate and House subcommittees.

Staggers said his subcommittee has received "13 documents from the ITT case and they contain sensitive material."

A federal grand jury in New York has charged that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell prevailed on Dean at about the same time last fall to ask Casey to delay subpoenas in the Vesco case.

Staggers told newsmen that Mrs. Dean was permitted in the hearing room because "she has been assisting her husband in going through documents."

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JOHN AND MAUREEN DEAN AT HEARING
He testified before a special House panel