

Gurney Doubts Dean's Impacts

Washington

Edward J. Gurney (Rep.-Fla.), a member of the Senate Watergate committee, said yesterday he believes the testimony of former White House counsel John Dean III against President Nixon has been left "pretty much in shreds" after three days of cross-examination.

"I think his testimony was badly pierced yesterday (Wednesday)," Gurney said in an interview during a
On my own mind, as far as accusing the President — which of course was, I think,

the main purpose of the 245-page statement which he gave on the opening day of the testimony — it leaves it pretty much in shreds," Gurney said.

The senator explained by saying Dean apparently based much of his testimony, implying that Mr. Nixon had knowledge of the coverup, on his "impression" that White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman were showing the President Dean's own reports on the coverup.

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