

CASEY SAYS DEAN MADE VESCO PLEA

Counsel Linked to Bid for
Delay in S.E.C. Inquiry

WASHINGTON, June 28 (Reuters)—William J. Casey, former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, charged today that John W. Dean 3d, the ousted White House counsel now testifying at the Senate Watergate hearings, had tried to delay an investigation of Robert L. Vesco, the international financier.

Mr. Casey, who is Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs, made the statement during a House investigation of S.E.C. activities while he was head of the regulatory agency.

Mr. Vesco donated \$200,000 to President Nixon's re-election campaign while he was the subject of an S.E.C. investigation. He is now under indictment and believed to be in Central America.

Mr. Casey told the House Commerce Committee that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, who has also been indicted in connection with the Vesco case, had asked him to meet with Mr. Vesco's lawyer in 1972 to discuss the pending Vesco investigation.

Several Talks Mentioned

Mr. Casey added that Mr. Dean had also discussed aspects of the Vesco case with him at different times. The last occasion, he said, was shortly before the November Presidential election, when Mr. Dean asked for a postponement of the investigation on the ground that it could turn up information that could be used for campaign smears.

The first call from Mr. Dean came sometime in 1971, Mr. Casey said, and it was considered just a general inquiry about the Vesco case.

The second occasion, Mr. Casey said, was either in the summer or fall of 1972.

He said Mr. Dean was "concerned about Donald Nixon"—President Nixon's nephew and an associate of Vesco—being in the financier's employ.

"I thought it was unwise for Donald Nixon to be an employe of Mr. Vesco and it could embarrass the President," Mr. Casey said.

In the end, Mr. Casey said, he followed a colleague's recommendation against delaying the Vesco investigation.

Extradition Plea Pressed

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica, June 28 (UPI)—United States Ambassador Viron P. Vaky asked the Costa Rican Appeals Court today to reconsider the rejection last week of his application for the extradition of Vesco.

Vesco Aide Sought

LUXEMBOURG, June 28 (Reuters) — The authorities in Luxembourg have issued a warrant for the arrest of Milton F. Meissner, president of five mutual funds run by Investors Overseas Services, the conglomerate headed by Mr. Vesco. There is also one report that Mr. Meissner has already been arrested.

An official statement is to be made tomorrow regarding Mr. Meissner, in Luxembourg for the last 24 hours to discuss the future of the mutual funds following the collapse of the International Overseas empire.

Extra Time for Mitchell

Judge Lee P. Gagliardi gave defense lawyers until July 9 in Federal Court here yesterday to prepare motions for the conspiracy trial of former Attorney General Mitchell, former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans and Harry L. Sears, former Republican leader of the New Jersey Senate.

The motions had been due on July 5, but the lawyers asked the judge to give them until July 13. The Federal prosecutors in the case indicated that they would require three weeks to reply after the defense lawyers submitted the trial motions.

The judge has set Sept. 11 for the start of the trial on charges that the \$200,000 cash contribution from Mr. Vesco to President Nixon's election campaign was an attempt to influence an investigation by the S.E.C.

Watergate Won't Block Recess for Congress

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WASHINGTON, June 28—

Long before the Watergate hearings were scheduled, the Congressional leadership determined that Congress would take a 10-day recess over the July Fourth Holiday. If only because the pressure from members who have made vacation plans, it is a recess that the leadership is not about to rescind.

Starting tomorrow night or perhaps on Saturday if dictated by unfinished legislative work that must be completed before the beginning of the fiscal year starting July 1, Congress will begin a recess that will extend to July 10. The recess will include five normal working days for Congress.