

Dean Cited in Vesco Case

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The government named former White House Counsel John W. Dean III yesterday as a co-conspirator in the alleged plot by two former Cabinet members, a fugitive financier and a New Jersey politician to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation

of the financier's operations.

Dean, who testified before the Senate Watergate Committee that President Nixon knew of the coverup of White House involvement in political espionage activities last year, was one of three persons named by federal prosecutors in a "bill of particulars" related to the indictment against former At-

torney General John N. Mitchell, former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans, financier Robert Vesco and New Jersey Republican Harry L. Sears.

The other two co-conspirators named yesterday were Laurence B. Richardson, former president of Vesco's International Con-

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rols Corp., and Howard Cerny, an ICC lawyer.

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Attorneys for Mitchell and Stans had demanded the names of other conspirators referred to in the indictment.

A co-conspirator is a person alleged to have joined in a conspiracy, but who is not named as a defendant.

The names are often used by defense attorneys seeking clues to the prosecution case. Co-conspirators are also often called to testify, although officials would not say whether or not Dean was expected to take the stand in the trial.

The Government also specified how Stans allegedly falsified reports by the Nixon campaign to the General Accounting Office, saying they were "false and fraudulent in that they omitted any reference to the receipt of the secret \$200,000 cash contribution of defendant Vesco on or about April 10, 1972, or any references to disbursements which the committee may have made there from Frederick LaRue, G. Gordon Liddy and Herbert Porter."

LaRue pleaded guilty in June to one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice and is expected to be a prosecution witness in Watergate trials. He was a top aide to Mitchell and allegedly distributed hush money to the Watergate burglary defendants.

Liddy, a convicted Watergate conspirator, was formerly counsel to the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President, headed by Stans.

Porter, director of scheduling for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, headed by Mitchell, has admitted committing perjury during the Watergate trial.

The indictment alleges that Dean, at the urging of Mitchell, contacted William Casey, head of the SEC, to get the SEC to delay the return date of subpoenas against ICC employees.

The indictment, handed up in New York, May 10, alleges that Mitchell, Stans, Sears and Vesco conspired to obstruct an SEC probe of Vesco's tangled finances last year.

Eventually the SEC charged Vesco and some associated with "looting" sev-

eral companies he controlled of \$224 million.

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