

Source Says Dean's Story Holds Up

Washington

The special Watergate prosecutor's office has uncovered no evidence contradicting John W. Dean III's testimony before grand juries or the Senate Watergate committee, it was learned yesterday.

An informed source said Senate Republican leader Hugh Scott may have been mistaken when he said the White House had information that could prove Dean, former presidential counsel, was wrong when he said the President knew of the Watergate cover up before March 21, 1973.

The source, who said he believes he is familiar with the same material Scott has seen, contradicted the senator's claim that transcripts of White House tapes disprove Dean's testimony.

President Nixon has maintained he learned of the coverup on March 21, 1973.

It also was learned the prosecutors have no plans to file perjury charges against Dean, who pleaded guilty last October to a single charge of conspiracy to obstruct justice.

The prosecutor's office declined to comment on the reports.

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