

## Krogh Says Dean Reported Cover-Up To Nixon in March

Egil Krogh Jr. said yesterday that John W. Dean 3d told him last March 20 that President Nixon had previously been unaware of the Watergate cover-up. It was after a conversation the two had that day, Mr. Krogh said, that Mr. Dean decided to tell the President the cover-up details.

The statements by Mr. Krogh, former head of the White House investigation team known as the "plumbers," contradicts testimony last summer by Mr. Dean, one-time Presidential counsel, that Mr. Nixon knew details of the attempted bugging of the Democratic National Committee offices in 1972.

Mr. Krogh, who has been sentenced to a six-month prison term for his role in the burglary of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg's former psychiatrist, made his remarks in a televised interview last night on the "60 Minutes" program on the Columbia Broadcasting System.

According to Mr. Krogh, he and Mr. Dean held a two-hour meeting last March 20 in which they discussed "a lot of things that John had been working on which I learned about for the first time."

Mr. Krogh added:

"And he said, 'Bud, the President is being badly served. He just doesn't know what's been going on.' Now, John Dean had some meetings with the President, prior to that time, by himself. And I told John that I felt he had an obligation to tell him everything. Lay it all out on the table. Don't keep it inside if it's dangerous material or if he should know it."

Mr. Krogh's portrayal of Mr. Dean's attitude substantiates the one presented last year in Senate testimony by Richard A. Moore, a White House aide and friend of Mr. Dean. Mr. Moore said that on March 20 Mr. Dean told him that he did not believe the President was aware of the details and implications of Watergate.

Mr. Krogh said yesterday that he had not made his recollections known until now because his lawyers advised him not to make public statements while still under investigation by Federal prosecutors.

He added that he had no personal knowledge that President Nixon had not been told of the Watergate cover-up by other advisers, including H.R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman or John N. Mitchell.