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# Dean-Krogh Conflict Denied

The lawyer for former White House aide Egil (Bud) Krogh said yesterday that Krogh's statement about President Nixon and the Watergate cover-up does not necessarily contradict sworn testimony by former White House counsel John W. Dean III.

Stephen N. Shulman, Krogh's lawyer, said "Krogh was stating everything he knew about the subject and Dean may have an entirely different, more complete scope of knowledge. There may or may not be an inconsistency . . . and if you get down and examine Dean's exact testimony, there is possibly no inconsistency whatsoever."

Krogh said in a television interview Sunday that he concluded the President was not aware of the Watergate cover-up before March 21, 1973, which is when Mr. Nixon has said he learned of it. Krogh said he based his conclusion on a conversation he had with Dean on March 20.

Krogh quoted Dean as telling him: "Bud, the President is being badly served. He just doesn't know what's been going on." Dean and the Presi-

dent have agreed Dean made his most detailed disclosures about the Watergate cover-up to Mr. Nixon the next day, March 21.

Dean, however, has charged that the President was aware of aspects of the Watergate cover-up possibly as early as September, 1972, but at least on March 13, 1973. The Presi-

dent has maintained he first learned of it on March 21.

Shulman said Krogh does not necessarily contradict Dean because the thrust of Dean's statement was that the President did not understand everything. "Sure, he could have known something," Shulman said, "but Krogh and Dean didn't discuss that."