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Dean Expected to Provide Telling Testimony Today

John W. Dean 3d, former White House counsel, is expected to give key testimony today in the Federal court conspiracy trial of John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, according to United Press International.

The trial of the former Attorney General and former Commerce Secretary was adjourned last Thursday because of the illness of an elderly woman juror, Mrs. Violete Humbert. If she has not recovered, Judge Lee P. Gagliardi will probably replace her with the first alternate juror, Andrew Choa, a banker, who has heard all the testimony in the five-week proceedings.

Mr. Dean, an unindicted co-conspirator in the case, is regarded as the prosecution's top witness in its efforts to prove that Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stans tried to quash a 1972 investigation by the Security and Exchange Commission of Robert L. Vesco, a fugitive financier.