



AUTHORS JOHN AND 'MO' DEAN AT HOME

A NEW CAREER FOR JOHN DEAN

Of all the human wreckage provoked by the stupid, needless Watergate break-in and coverup, which of the culprits involved will make the quickest, most successful return to society? Most probably John Dean, who when caught, blew the whistle on Nixon, Mitchell, Haldeman, Ehrlichman and the other accomplices in the conspiracy to obstruct justice.

After serving four months in Ft. Holabird, Md., including much time in the Special Prosecutor's office, Dean last month returned to his Beverly Hills mountaintop home (cost \$100,000), where he signed with Simon & Schuster a contract which provides him an advance of \$325,000 on his book tentatively entitled

"Decision of Consequence."

Should the book make the best-seller list, he receives an additional \$25,000. Dean also signed a deal to hit the lecture circuit at \$3000-\$3500 a lecture.

Previously his beautiful blonde wife, Maureen, signed with Bantam Books for a \$125,000 advance to write the story of her life, which is being ghosted by Hays Gorey of "Time" magazine. Simon & Schuster is publishing the hardbound version of Mrs. Dean's book "Mo." As yet Mrs. Dean has not signed to appear on the lecture circuit.

John Dean, who has been barred from practicing law, is a sensitive, intelligent man, with an amazing memory, and it pains him, he said in a recent interview, to take financial advantage of the

Watergate miseries, "but I have to make a living. I've always wanted to write, and I have to make a start somewhere."

In Holabird, Dean read books by Machiavelli, Locke and Rousseau, and started a novel about the first black woman to be named to the U.S. Supreme Court.

There is little doubt but what Dean's Watergate book, scheduled for publication in 1976, will be the most authoritative work on the subject. Dean was Nixon's White House counsel and John Mitchell's protégé, and from the very beginning he was privy to the conspiracy to stonewall Watergate. John Dean was Humpty Dumpty, and once he fell from the wall, try as they might, all the Nixonians could neither "get" Humpty nor restructure their stone wall.