

Dean Denies His Aide Was Deep Throat

Cookeville, Tenn.

John Dean says that his former aide, Fred Fielding, was not Deep Throat.

Dean, once former President Nixon's staff counsel and later a witness against his administration, told a Tennessee Tech audience Monday night:

"There is no way Fred Fielding could have been Deep Throat. I worked very closely with Fielding. I hired him, I brought him to the White House. I don't think Fielding knew some of the things that Deep Throat knew."

H. R. Haldeman, Nixon's chief of staff until his resignation in the midst of the scandal, has written a book detailing events surrounding the Watergate affair. According to some reports, he identifies Fielding as Deep Throat, the anonymous source used by the Washington Post to expose administration wrongdoing. Fielding says he was not the source.

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