

Haldeman, Dean Pressed CIA

NEW CONTACTS DISCLOSED

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White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John W. Dean III both participated in efforts to involve the Central Intelligence Agency in domestic activities on behalf of the Nixon administration during 1971 and 1972, Sen. Stuart Symington, D-Mo., said today.

Symington, continuing a Senate investigation of the CIA's role in helping the September 1971 burglary of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist, told reporters today he had learned of new evidence of White House efforts to bring the agency in on its operations.

Symington refused to give any details, but it was clear from what he told reporters during a break in committee hearings that the additional attempts to involve the CIA took place after the burglary.

Symington did stress that the operations did not involve the bugging of Democratic National headquarters at the Watergate in 1972, suggesting more undercover activities are yet to be disclosed.

"I was surprised to learn that not only (John D.) Ehrlichman and Dean were involved, but that Haldeman was also," Symington said. "They were involved up to their ears."

Although Symington indicated he knew of earlier

Dean involvement, his reference today to Dean was the first disclosure that the former White House counsel was somehow involved in White House contacts with the CIA as well as the first news of Haldeman's role.

IT WAS revealed last week that Ehrlichman, President Nixon's chief domestic aide, personally intervened to gain CIA cooperation with Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt in an operation that later turned out to be the burglary of Ellsberg's analyst. Symington declined to give any details of Dean's or Haldeman's actions.

The key informant in today's revelations was the present deputy director of the CIA, Lt. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, who held that post from early 1972. Walters testified today before Symington's armed services subcommittee on intelligence.

What Walters revealed, Symington said concerned attempts by the White House team of Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Dean to involve the CIA in unspecified operations during the time he was deputy director—that is, during 1972.

Also present to testify today was Gen. Robert E. Cushman Jr., a Marine Corps commandant who

was CIA deputy director in 1971, when the Ellsberg burglary occurred. Cushman has already admitted that the CIA, at Ehrlichman's request, gave Hunt false documents, disguises and other equipment when he was planning the burglary.

WITH CUSHMAN and Walters in the committee room were also James R. Schlesinger the out-going CIA director who has been designated secretary of Defense, and William E. Colby, who has been named to succeed him.

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Cushman said the former CIA director, Richard M. Helms, gave his assent to the support the agency gave Hunt in what was clearly to be a domestic operation.

The national Security Act of 1947, under whose authority the CIA operates, expressly forbids the agency to engage in any internal security or domestic police operations.

Helms, now ambassador to Iran, has been called to testify before Symington's subcommittee and also two other Congressional units probing CIA activi-

ties during 1971 and 72 — the Pentagon Papers-Watergate period.

Symington said Helms would testify to his group later this week, but a precise date has not been set. Helms' travel plans are not being formally announced, but he left Tehran over the weekend and is believed to be in Washington now.