

Having read most but not all of the shortened text of Dean's opening WG statement, I have a pretty strong belief that the real reason the prosecution refused to make an acceptable deal with him is to keep his mouth closed on what the prosecution didn't want out. There was no real states-evidence problem with Dean. If they could (and did) make it with Baldwin, who knew little, they could make it with Dean, who knew much. Very Much, I'd say. Much more than has been reported from his statement, or followed up from it. It abounds with little teasers, leads, clues and ignored, definitive statements. Whether or not they can get a LaRue to cop a one-charge felony plea is unimportant. That is, his going to jail is unimportant. Again, La Rue is NOT White House. His is at best limited knowledge (compared to Dean's, at least). The people against whom LaRue can testify are fewer. Using him and making this kind of deal with him means, I think, a new fix, to fasten just about all blame outside the White House. It would be consistent with this to hit Dean hard. I think refusing to deal with Dean is also a sign of the new fix. Dean could put the hat on just about everyone in the White House. I see new crimes, uncharged, inevitable from a real following of what he testified to. In reading, to me his testimony is infinitely more devastating to more people than I had caught in listening. The original prosecutors and the DJ did this. In Cox's defense, his people probably did not have time to explore this aspect. He can hardly have time. But if he had, I don't think he has the backbone or the disposition to do what he could...There is more TNT in those undisclosed documents, I'm sure. Perhaps the committee is holding some for later hearings....I fear the Senate committee may not go into all of this, may not have time to. Merely drafting and agreeing upon a report will be an enormous task... This is another way of saying much of the criminality, despite open hearings, has a good chance of going unpunished, unexposed...If I recall Weicher's summation of the crimes he detected in Dean's testimony, he is far short, many as they are. Ervin, and probably not alone, seems to be heading for impeachment more than anything else. At least, this seems to me to be the probable focus. There is that much in Dean's testimony that requires further exploration, I believe. HW 7/1/73