

Dean to Name Others?

WASHINGTON — (AP) — White House Counsel John W. Dean III, who has declared he will not be made a scapegoat for the Watergate affair, appears ready to implicate other presidential aides, says a source close to him.

Dean reportedly has been named by former Nixon campaign aide Jeb Stuart Magruder as among White House aides present at a meeting where bugging of the Democratic headquarters was planned.

Dean, presidential counsel, conducted the initial investigation into the case, which was followed by Nixon's statement that no White House aides were involved. Nixon said April 7, however, that he had learned of major new developments pointing to the truth in the case.

Close Source

"In a perhaps misguided concept in protecting the people around the President, he (Dean) has been caught up in questionable activities," a source close to Dean said yesterday.

The source said Dean's April 19 comment that he would not be made a scapegoat was "a clear indication that he is now going to help the President clear the White House staff of those that have besmirched the of-

fice of the presidency to the end that President Nixon will have better and purer advisers in the future."

G. Gordon Liddy, who was convicted in the Watergate break-in and is now in a District of Columbia jail, reportedly has turned down a White House plea to tell all he knows about the bugging to the grand jury, the New York Times said today.

The newspaper quoted one source as saying, "Liddy believes that the President wants him to cooperate, but he still isn't saying anything."

Speculation

The newspaper said some government officials believe that Liddy, in refusing to talk, is protecting former Attorney General John Mitchell. Liddy attended at least three planning meetings in early 1972 with Mitchell, Dean and Magruder, the newspaper said.

The Times said another source described Liddy as being "aware" of the White House interest and pleased by it. But, the source added, "Liddy is a man of singular fortitude. He's going up the river but he's not taking the captians or lieutenants along with him."

Other developments over the weekend included:

- Charles W. Colson, a former White House consultant, reiterated that he had no involvement in Watergate. He characterized as "just plain wrong" a story in the Los Angeles Times saying that Colson was prepared to document an administration coverup of Watergate. The Times stood by its story.

- Ridder Publications' Washington bureau quoted sources as saying Attorney General Richard Kleindienst may resign after Watergate investigations are over because he has fallen out of favor with Nixon over his handling of the matter. He already has withdrawn from the case.