John Wesley Dean 3d

Became chief counsel to the President only eights years after graduating from Georgetown University law school . . Repeatedly acclaimed as "terribly ambitious" . . Reputed to be White House expert on the unwritten doctrine of executive privilege under which Presidents have declined to provide information or to make their aides and advisers available to Congressional committees . . Also expert on Presidential impoundment of funds . . Practiced law in private firm for less than year . . Left in 1966 after dispute in which he was accused of unethical behavior . . Became chief minority counsel for the House Judiciary Committee . . . Spent two years as associate director of the National Commission on Reform of Criminal Law . . In 1969 was named Deputy Attorney General and served for a time as the Justice Department's liaison with Congress . . Mr. Nixon appointed him as counsel to the President in 1970 . . Drives Porsche to work . . . Stayed behind the scenes until President named him to head the White House investigation of Watergate bugging . Born Oct. 14, 1938, in Akron, Ohio . . Art degree from College of Wooster in Ohio in 1961 . . Lives in Alexandria, Va., with his second wife.