

Weicker Pays \$135,000 for Dean House

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Sen. Lowell Weicker (R-Conn.) had just learned from his landlord that the rent on his Alexandria town house was going from \$400 to \$500 a month when he found that John Dean's town house across the street was up for sale. So he made Dean an offer.

Dean took it, and the three-story, cream-colored brick town house at 100 Quay St., for which he paid \$72,500 in May, 1972, was sold last Thursday to Weicker for \$135,000. Dean is moving to California, and the house had been on the market for several months at \$150,000.

It wasn't an unusual transaction, Weicker said in

a telephone interview, despite the fact that Weicker is a member of the Senate select Watergate committee and former presidential counsel Dean was the committee's star witness. "It was just a perfectly sound and above-board transaction on the record," said Weicker.

The senator said the transaction was that of one between two men who've been neighbors for a year and who see each other coming and going every day.

"Forgetting the fact they we all have our duties, he lives on the street. I know John. I talk to him. I've been in his house and he's been in mine. I know him. This isn't a couple of strang-

ers getting together over a house," Weicker said.

The purchase price was based on an appraisal of the property at \$120,000 made last week by the First Federal Savings and Loan of Alexandria, where the senator says he got his mortgage. The bank refused to confirm or deny it made the appraisal unless the senator made a written request.

The additional \$15,000 included all the furnishing in the house, such as draperies, wall-to-wall carpeting, light fixtures and chandeliers, and appliances.

Dean's real estate agent, Patricia Golubin of Alexandria, yesterday declined to comment on the fact that the price of the house increased by \$62,500 in two

years, except to say "it's a lovely house." Other agents around the Old Town area of Alexandria, where the house is located, said the price Weicker paid is not out of line considering the location of the home and the fact that Old Town is a very popular place to live.

"I think the value is there, there is no question about it," said one agent who asked not to be quoted by name.

The house is 21 feet wide and 40 feet long and sits on .035 acres of land, according to the city real estate assessor's office. It contains six rooms, two and two-thirds baths, has a one car garage, is centrally air conditioned but has no attic or basement, according to the assessor's office.