

FBI Ex-Official Charges Dean Lied

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LITTLETON, N.H.—William C. Sullivan, a former FBI administrator, has charged that John W. Dean III, former counsel to President Nixon, lied when he said Sullivan was willing to exchange FBI secrets for a White House appointment.

Sullivan, 61, who was forced out of the third highest position in the FBI in October, 1971, in a policy dispute with the late J. Edgar Hoover, disclosed his side of the story in an interview.

Sullivan said he was never offered a White House appointment, and that he would have arranged for the arrest of the person who made such an offer.

Sullivan commented on a March 13, 1973, conversa-

tion between Dean and President Nixon in which the two discussed Sullivan's information about how previous administrations had used the FBI for political purposes.

According to the White House's edited transcripts of the conversation between the men, this is what was said:

The President: "Why is Sullivan willing to do this?"

Dean: "I think the quid pro quo with Sullivan is that he wants some day back in the bureau very badly."

The President: "That's easy."

Dean: "That's right."

The President: "Do you think after he did this the bureau would want him back? Would they want him back?"

Dean: "I think probably not. What Bill Sullivan's de-

sire in life is to set up a domestic national security intelligence system, a White House program. He says we are deficient. He says we have never been efficient because Hoover lost his guts several year years ago."

Dean suggested that the President appoint Sullivan to study the possibility of a domestic intelligence system which could have operated within the CIA.

The President: "We will do it."

Dean: "I think that is a simple answer. Let me just simply raise it with him."

Sullivan said that Dean quizzed him in February, 1973, about the FBI's role in other political campaigns.

In a hospital interview, Sullivan, who is recuperating from a heart attack, reflected on his 30 years with the FBI. He said that only

John F. Kennedy and Harry S. Truman, among the Presidents, had not used the FBI for political purposes.

Sullivan added: "If anyone had offered me a job as a payoff, it would have been a violation of the law, and I'd have turned him in. I'd have taken steps to have him arrested."

"I didn't want a damned thing from them," Sullivan said. "I never asked Dean or anyone else in the White House for anything."

Sullivan, who lives at Sugar Hill, which is near the hospital here, said he gave Dean nothing more than he would have been willing to discuss under oath. But he said he felt he had been betrayed when Dean gave the information to Watergate prosecutors without his permission.