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tangled in the Watergate tions that later became enclaimed by President Nixon during 1970 and 1971 were yesterday to have been the Major intelligence gaps White House ac-

aware at the time. which the public was not tween the FBI and CIA - of high degree of friction beagencies - particularly a ance of his intelligence The President disclosed a

years as director of the FBI. the White House in his final with any other agency except first with the CIA, and later refusal of the late J. Edgar Hoover to maintain liaison, He specifically cited the

quests without written aurefused to go along with sures, emerging in the conthorization. administration death. more with top administration ofthat Hoover's relationships ficials text of the Watergate case There have been disclostorm grew progressively Hoover reportedly wiretap before

Security Concerns

curity measures, the Presiand news leaks on major Pentagon Papers disclosures dent asserted. the need to strengthen seto his growing concern with negotiations all contributed Domestic violence,

yesterday on Captitol Hill, cern was a domestic counterwhich would engage the entire intelligence community espionage plane, disclosed One byproduct of his con-

Feud Led to Intelligence Plan

tions. joint tional Security Agency-in —the CIA, FBI, Defense Intelligence Agency and Nasurveillance opera-

ted. mented, the President nogress, ready drawn fire from Con-The plans, which has al-The reason, he said, because Hoover opwas never imple--do

"It was this unused plan and related documents that President revealed. same plan, still unused, John Dean removed from the being headlined today," the safe deposit box, giving the keys to Judge Sirica. The White House and placed in a

erely damaging to the Nixon "dynamite" that could be sevadministration. suggested that the contents of the safe deposit box are Associates of Dean have

FBI. Symington (D-Mo.), acting chairman of the Senate Dan's custody have been turned over to Sen. Stuart Armed Services Committee, by representatives of the De-fense Department, CIA and Copies of the documents in

New Plan Detailed

closed counter espionage mation yet of the newly disby Hoover. plan that he said was vetoed most complete public confir-The President gave the

tion. telligence committee on June said, former FBI directors opposi-, 23 month later because of the It had been approved, he uid, by an interagency in-1970, and recinded

operations which had been tion of certain intelligence provided for "resump-

> over suspected foreign cial surveillance authority able official to refer to spepresumed by one knowledgesuspended in 1966." This was

zation for surreptitious enlators. try — breaking and entering, in effect" against susthe President said, "authoripected national security vio-The plan also included

senators or by Dean himself tion of the plan may serve effect." of the controversial bluelater disclosures by critical to take the steam out of phasized "never went into print which Mr. Nixon em-The President's confirma-

among our intelligence dent asserted, "coordination short of our national security needs." agencies continued to fall Through 1970, the Presi-

Evaluation Panel

with all other agencies except the White House." having earlier discontinued formation: "In July, 1970, Then the President unex-pectedly gave out the in-CIA, Director Hoover ended the FBI's normal liaison the FBI's liaison with the

with "domestic intelligence." Hoover's cutoff of liaison to prepare estimates created in December 1960 Evaluation As a counter-measure to CIA, an Intelligence Committee Of.

nor do I have any knowledge of any illegal activity by this vestigation," the President tivities are now under incommittee. If it went "I understand that its ac-"I did not authorize

my knowledge or authority." ties, it was totally without engage in any illegal activiyond its charter and did

vestigation.

scandal. the CIA in the Watergate White House pressures on have led to disclosures of John D. Ehrlichman, which tions to his top two aides, H. R. (Bob) Haldeman and ty was the basis for instruc-

would deman and Ehrlichman inagency operations. hearings last week that Hal-Watergate money in Mexico structed the CIA to tell the FBI that an investigation of jeopardize

ident's wish" that he submit the proposal to FBI Direcputy Director Gen. Vernon that Haldeman told CIA De-A. Walters "it was the Pres-Symington said Monday

promised. concerned" that neither co-"plumbers" tivities of the White House vert CIA operations nor acepisode, the President said yesterday he was "deeply team be comthe

gate) break-in not activities of the White House either an unrelated covert operation of the CIA or the investigation of the (Waterlichman to ensure that the Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehr-"Therefore, I instructed expose

investigation of the Waterintent, nor my wish, that the

reference to any such in-This was the first public

concern for national securi-Mr. Nixon also said his

It was disclosed in Senate covert

tor L. Patrick Gray III. In explanation of

investigations unit . . ."

"It was certainly not my

ed acts be impeded in any way," the President assert gate break-in or of unrelat

would damage CIA activi-Gray that the FBI inquiry man on June 23, 1972 to tell from Haldeman and Ehrlich-Mexican fund investigation account of Walters, his first was an express directive House concern over the awareness of the White According to the sworn

Request Refused

can connection. by the FBI's inquiry into the Watergate scandal's Mexiities would be endangered mined that no CIA activthe White House request refused to Director Richard M. Helms when they quickly deter-Walters and former CIA go along with

those covert national securicovert national security activities had participated in sons originally recruited for ed, "led me to surmise, correctly, that since perreports on the case, he addmight lead to and expose investigation of Watergate Watergate, an unrestricted break-in and bugging. Early pected that the CIA was edged that he initially susinvolved in the Watergate The President acknowl-

and Ehrlichman to be sure might compromise national tigation into areas that ty operations." He said he told Haldeman the FBI not carry its inves