

Surveillance Halt Is Disputed

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The highly classified papers that former Presidential Counsel John W. Dean III took from the White House indicate President Nixon's aides continued to formulate plans for potentially illegal domestic security operations after the date Mr. Nixon has said he rescinded a plan authorizing wiretapping and burglary, according to reliable sources.

One of the documents, a memorandum from former White House aide Thomas Charles Huston to former

White House chief of staff H.R. (Bob) Haldeman, "deals with electronic surveillance and break-ins involving the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the Central Intelligence Agency and military intelligence," according to a Justice Department source.

A Senate source confirmed the substance of the memo, dated Aug. 5, 1970, and said it left unclear whether the named agencies had received authorization to conduct such operations.

According to both sources, that memo and seven other Dean documents are dated after July 28, 1970 — the

date President Nixon has said he rescinded a White House plan authorizing wiretapping and breaking-and-entering on "national security" grounds. Mr. Nixon has said he rescinded the plan after it was in operation for five days, because the late director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover, strongly objected to it.

In addition, a source involved in the Watergate investigation reported this weekend that the staff of Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox is investigating the possibility that as many as 25 burglaries were carried out under White House auspices.

The Dean papers are dated, all in 1970, as follows: Aug. 5, Aug. 7, Aug. 14, Aug. 25, Sept. 10, Sept. 19, Sept. 21 and Sept. 24, according to sources who have examined them.

The Justice Department source said the Aug. 14 memo, also written by Huston, "deals with the progress of the intelligence-gathering operation," and indicates that plans for potentially illegal activities either had been approved or were awaiting approval.

In addition, a Sept. 10 memo by Huston indicates that an intelligence-gather-

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