

White House to Turn Over Logs on Nixon-Dean Meetings

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After four days of statements followed by retractions, the White House announced today that it would turn over logs of President Nixon's conversations with John W. Dean 3d to the Senate Watergate committee.

The logs themselves provide nothing more than the dates and times of the conversations. A committee lawyer said that the committee had reason to believe that there might be other documents at the White House dealing with the substance of the conversations. He said that the committee would seek this material.

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, would not say directly whether there were additional documents, although he led reporters to believe that there might be.

Mr. Dean was White House counsel until he was dismissed April 30 because of his alleged connection with the cover-up of the Watergate scandal. Last

Brooke Doubts Nixon Aides Acted Without His Approval

Senator Edward W. Brooke, Republican of Massachusetts, said here Tuesday that "it is inconceivable to me that persons close to the President would not have sought his approval" in handling the Watergate affair. The Associated Press reported.

But, he said, he thinks a proposal by Representative Paul N. McCloskey Jr., Republican of California, for an investigation to see if impeachment proceedings are warranted is "premature."

year and early this year he was said to have been under orders to conduct the White House's internal investigation of the Watergate affair.

Mr. Warren's announcement at lunchtime today created some confusion. He said that the office of the White House counsel, a reference to the present counsels, Leonard Garment and J. Fred Buzhardt, "has advised Prof. [Samuel] Dash that the information on conversations between the President and Mr. Dean will be provided to him as soon as that information can be compiled and verified."

However, when Mr. Dash, the chief counsel of the Watergate statement by reporters at about 2 P.M., he said that he had received no such word from the White House.

At 4:30 P.M. when he returned to his office following the afternoon session of hearings, Mr. Dash telephoned Mr. Garment and was told that the logs would be forthcoming.

Asked later why he had said Mr. Dash had been notified when he had not, Mr. Warren said through his spokesman, Tom Decair, that Mr. Dash had been called this morning but that the committee counsel had been in the hearings and a message had been left for him.

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On Sunday, The New York Times and The Washington Post reported that the President had talked about Watergate with Mr. Dean about 40 times since the first of the year. The White House "categorically" denied "the assertions and implica-

tions of this story."

On Monday, the White House announced that there had been, in fact, dozens of conversations between the President and Mr. Dean. But Mr. Warren said that the logs of the conversations would not be provided to the Watergate prosecutor or the Senate committee because to do so would be "constitutionally inappropriate."

Almost simultaneously, he Watergate special prosecutor,

Archibald Cox, announced that he has been assured access to all relevant White House documents.

On Tuesday, Mr. Warren announced that he has a "speech of conviction" and went on to say that the logs might be given to the various Watergate investigators.

Later, Mr. Dash told about a dozen reporters that a subpoena of the logs would be issued "by tomorrow" (mean-

to the Ervin Panel

ing today). Another committee lawyer said that the subpoena had already been drafted and was awaiting the signature of the committee's chairman, Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina.

This morning, Mr. Dash was severely criticized by Senator Edward J. Gurney, Republican of Florida, for having said that a subpoena would be issued when the committee had made no such determination.

At the beginning of today's hearing, Mr. Dash read a statement denying that he had ever said that a subpoena for the logs would be issued.

A member of the committee was asked afterward whether he believed Mr. Dash's denial. "Off the record?" the Senator asked.

"Off the record," he was assured.

"Hell no, I don't believe him," the Senator said.