

Weicker Says Spy Plan Was Carried Out by FBI

Washington

Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr. charged yesterday that "at least" one aspect of a 1970 domestic espionage plan had gone into effect despite President Nixon's assertion that it had been withdrawn.

The Connecticut Republican, a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, cited an internal FBI memorandum dated Sept. 16, 1970, months after the July 1970 plan allegedly had been withdrawn.

J. Edgar Hoover, late director of the FBI approved the hiring of "student informers" and "potential student informers" to report on campus activities, Weicker said the memo shows.

SURFACING

The domestic "security" plan, which also called for burglaries and illegal mail intercepts, was said by President Nixon on May 22 to have been approved and then withdrawn at the request of Hoover.

One of Hoover's alleged objections, it had been reported, was to hiring students as informers. He was said to have objected to this for fear students would

"surface in the press."

DAIRY

Meanwhile, Newsweek

magazine reported in this week's issue that John W. Dean III had alleged that President Nixon knew that dairy industry contributions to his 1972 campaign had been aimed at winning an increase in milk price supports.

The ousted White House counsel has told "investigators," the magazine said, that Mr. Nixon was "personally aware" of the dairy men's gifts in 1971, totaling more than \$300,000, and that he knew the funds were "intended to influence the government."

It has been known that representatives of the industry met with the President in 1971 and that milk price supports were raised soon afterward.

Newsweek said the White House had declined comment.

The magazine also attributed the following statements to Dean:

● The White House "covertly and improperly" applied pressure to Judge Charles R. Richey of the U.S. District Court here in connection with civil litigation brought by the Demo-

crats against the Nixon forces soon after the Watergate arrests. Richey denied the charge.

● The White House, in an effort "to justify its own misuse of the FBI," ordered a secret report on similar activity in past administrations.

● Some "low level" White House officials considered assassinating Panama's ruler, Omar Torrijos, because they suspected the involvement of high Panamanian authorities in heroin traffic and because they felt the government had been uncooperative about renegotiating the Panama Canal treaty.

The magazine also reported that Dean, who was discharged as the White House lawyer on April 30, had charged the President with awareness of efforts to cover up the Watergate scandal.

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