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In Claim by Colson

[that Nixon had received assurances the Supreme Court would protect the secrecy of the White House tapes].

[in his first meeting with the press at Los Angeles after release from prison, Dean went on to say (excerpted)]:

...Dean, a former White House Counsel who was among the first of the Nixon insiders to blow the whistle on the coverup, said today that Colson has also been talking to Sen. Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (R-Conn), a member of the Senate Watergate Committee, about domestic involvement of the CIA.

"The CIA had been lurking around the fringes of Watergate," said Dean, "and Colson had actually read the CIA's central file on the matter, and found it quite revealing."

Dean said he had arranged for Weicker and Colson to get together in recent weeks although Weicker at first had strong doubts about Colson's credibility. "Weicker has since told me he is deeply impressed with Colson's knowledge and his ability to substantiate his revelations," Dean commented.

A spokesman for Weicker confirmed that the senator had talked with Colson in recent weeks about the CIA and other matters and is looking into the information given him by Colson. But the spokesman declined to disclose the nature of the information or whether Weicker considered it significant.

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