

Dean Recounts White House Anxieties

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In his Senate testimony yesterday, former presidential counsel John W. Dean III drew a picture of a pre-election White House neurotically concerned with the presence of anti-Nixon demonstrators .....

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One former campaign aide ... recalled that as far back as Mr. Nixon's 1962 campaign for Governor of California, [H.R.] Haldeman, who was then the campaign manager and others "were so desperately afraid of letting Nixon see any hostile demonstrators that we had to organize groups of kids to lock arms and keep them away."

A second man, a former White House official, said, "It all goes back to his (Mr. Nixon's) problem with having the unexpected happen. It's part and parcel of that. His staff learns to go to any length to protect him from something for which he is not prepared."

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