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FBI Leak Is Denied

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The Committee to Re-elect the President denied yesterday that Presidential counsel John W. Dean III had passed on word of a private interview between the FBI and an employee of the committee.

The interview was conducted during the FBI's in-

vestigation of the Watergate break-in case and involved committee employee Judith G. Hoback. She has charged in an affidavit that Dean sat in during the interview and that two days later committee officials called her in to ask her about what had been said.

She said that "to my knowledge I had not informed an-

yone of my interviews with the FBI."

De. Van Shumway, spokesman for the committee, said the committee did not get its information in the manner that Mrs. Hoback suggested. "That information came to us from persons within the committee whom she had told."

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