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## **Nixon's 'Confidence' In Dean**

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The White House, responding to reports that presidential counsel John W. Dean III was fired from his first law job for "unethical conduct," said yesterday that Dean has the confidence of President Nixon.

Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler told a press briefing that the initial negative report on Dean was later modified by the man who wrote it, Vincent B. Welch, senior partner of the Washington law firm of Welch and Morgan.

Jack Anderson made the report public yesterday in his nationally syndicated column.

"It suffices to say that the president has confidence in Mr. Dean," Ziegler said. "This particular column by Mr. Anderson does not alter that confidence."

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