

dean 'will name others'

Mitchell Tells his Side

Won't Be Scapegoat, Dean Says

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Presidential counsel John W. Dean III declared yesterday that he will not allow himself to become a scapegoat in the Watergate case.

Immediately following his statement, there were reliable reports that Dean is prepared to tell a federal grand jury all he knows about the Watergate bugging and that he will allege that there was a coverup by White House officials.

Dean's assertion came less than 12 hours after the Washington Post quoted sources who said that former presidential aide Jeb Stuart Magruder had implicated both Dean and former attorney General John N. Mitchell in the bugging of Democratic party headquarters and in payoffs to buy the silence of the Watergate defendants. Mitchell yesterday called the report "nonsense."

GOAL

An associate of Dean who made it clear he was seeking to have Dean's version of events made public, said yesterday that Dean will implicate people "above and below" himself.

The associate said that Dean intends to swear under oath that White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman engineered a coverup to hide the involvement of presidential aides in the bugging.

Dean's declaration that he will not become a scapegoat in the Watergate case came in a statement issued through his secretary, apparently without the knowledge or consent of superiors in the White House.

'REBUKE'

Afterwards, presidential press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler delivered what was widely regarded in the White House as a rebuke to

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Dean, stating that President Nixon is searching for the truth in the Watergate case, not scapegoats.

At a news conference, Ziegler for the first time made no effort to defend Dean and, to the contrary, appeared to say that the presidential counsel was no longer engaged in important work at the White House.

The associate and two other sources insisted that Dean is being made a sacrificial lamb and contended that President Nixon began his personal investigation of the Watergate case only after Dean came to him last month and said there had been a coverup.

DEVELOPMENTS

There also were these additional developments related to the mushrooming Watergate affair:

- A Washington attorney said that a day after the Watergate break-in, an unnamed client who was a Nixon re-election committee employee, took eight cartons of materials—including plans to bug the Democrats headquarters—from the White House office of convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt Jr. and hid them.

- The head of the Justice Department's criminal division, assistant Attorney General Henry E. Peterson, was placed in charge of the federal Watergate investigation as Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst disqualified himself from further involvement. Kleindienst said he withdrew because of "close personal and professional relationships" with new suspects in the case.

- Senator Sam J. Ervin (Dem-N.C.), chairman of

the Senate's Watergate investigating committee, said the panel's hearings may have to be delayed if key witnesses are indicted in the near future.

- Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr. (Rep-Conn.) reported that a locked filing cabinet filled with papers dealing with his own inquiry into Watergate was found open in his office yesterday morning. There was no sign of forced entry and it could not be determined whether documents were missing. Weicker is a member of the Senate Watergate investigating committee.

STATEMENT

Dean, in a statement telephoned to newspapers at 11:45 a.m. yesterday said:

"To date I have refrained from making any public comment whatsoever about the Watergate case. I shall continue that policy in the future because I believe the case will be fully and justly handled by the grand jury and the Ervin select committee.

"It is my hope, however, that those truly interested in seeing that the Watergate case is completely aired and that justice is done will be careful in drawing any conclusions as to the guilt or involvement of any person until all the facts are known and until each person has had an opportunity to testify under oath in his behalf. Finally, some may hope or think that I will become a scapegoat in the Watergate case. Anyone who believes this does not know me, know the true facts, nor understand our system of justice."

Attorney

Meanwhile, a Washington attorney, Peter H. Wolf, added a new mystery to the Watergate investigation by saying that a client of his had taken eight cartons of materials from convicted Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt's office the day after the Watergate break-in last June and had held on to them until just before the election.

Wolf said that included in the boxes were the "plans to bug" the Watergate" as well as contributors' lists that were later "turned over by the committee (for the re-election of the President) in the litigation instituted by Common Cause." In that suit, Common Cause was attempting to get the re-election committee to disclose its list of contributions before April 7, 1972.

In his motion filed in U.S. District Court, Wolf did not identify his client other than to say he "worked for the Committee for Re-Election of the President."



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PRESIDENTIAL COUNSEL JOHN DEAN
There were reports he will tell all he knows