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President Nixon flew back to the Florida White House this morning after an over-night stay in the Bahamas. At Key Biscayne ABC's Jerry Landy [phonetic] says sources tell him that President Nixon made a phone call to White House counsel John Dean yesterday. We asked correspondent Landy what he's learned about that call.

Landy: Well, they tell ABC News that the President phoned Dean from the Florida White House and expressed his personal Easter greetings to Dean, who lives in suburban Washington. They say the President expressed his faith in Dean by telling him he still considers Dean to be his Presidential counsel. We're told that Dean would wish President would make such an endorsement publicly.

Announcer: Correspondent Landy says associates of Dean claim that it was John Dean who warned the President more than a month ago that high-level White House aides were deeply involved in the Watergate affair and in the efforts to cover it up. Dean [is] expected to testify before the Watergate grand jury this week.

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