

Developments in 3 Cases

NYTimes The Vesco Case MAY 11 1973

Charges of conspiring to defraud the United States and to obstruct justice were handed up by a Federal grand jury against former Attorney General John M. Mitchell; former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans; Harry L. Sears, former majority leader of the New Jersey Senate, and Robert L. Vesco, a New Jersey financier.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stans were also charged with perjury in a group of indictments growing out of a four-month investigation of a secret \$200,000 cash donation by Mr. Vesco to the Committee to Re-elect the President.

The Ellsberg Trial

The Government disclosed in Los Angeles that the Federal Bureau of Investigation used wiretaps in late 1969 and early 1970 to pick up the telephone calls of Dr. Daniel Ellsberg, raising the possibility that evidence against him in the Pentagon papers trial was tainted. The trial judge suspended the court proceedings and told the Government to produce all its records on the taps.

A Senate subcommittee, meantime, heard two Central Intelligence Agency medical officers say the "personality assessment" of Dr. Ellsberg was the first ever by that agency on an American citizen.

In Miami, a Cuban realtor said that he and two of the convicted Watergate burglars broke into the office of Dr. Ellsberg's psychiatrist last September to photograph his and others' files.

Watergate

John W. Dean 3d, deposed White House counsel charged that efforts were afoot to prevent him from testifying "fully and freely" about Watergate, particularly "as it relates to the White House." The Senate Watergate committee chairman, Sam J. Ervin Jr., said that aside from the 30-day delay obtained by the Justice Department there was nothing the department could do to prevent Mr. Dean's testimony.

In other testimony, Hugh W. Sloan Jr., the former treasurer of President Nixon's campaign, said two other aides had tried to persuade him to perjure himself. And James W. McCord Jr., in his first public testimony, gave numerous details about the conspiracy to tap phones at the Democratic National Committee offices.

Lawyers for that committee said they would try to get pretrial statements from Mr. Dean next week in their civil suit against the Republicans.

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