

Text of a Statement Issued by Dean

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WASHINGTON, May 10 (AP)—Following is the text of a statement issued today, through an intermediary, by John W. Dean 3d, former Presidential counsel:

In light of unfounded reports and persistent rumors concerning me and my testimony, I feel compelled to present what I earnestly hope will be kept in mind by all who are interested in the complete truth concerning the Watergate case.

The news stories quoting unidentified sources and speculating on the nature of my testimony do not come from me, have not been authorized by me, nor have they come from my attorneys.

The information contained in these stories is neither complete nor accurate. I have not, and will not, leak my testimony to the media.

There have been discussions within the White House during the past four to five months as to how to end the Watergate matter, but these

discussions always ended with an unwillingness to accept the truth for what it meant.

That unwillingness to accept the truth still prevails among some who are affected by the truth. I have always been—as I am now—prepared to have the truth emerge, but I am not willing to see the truth distorted further, nor am I willing to shoulder the blame for those unwilling to accept the truth.

"I am very aware that there is an ongoing effort to limit or prevent my testifying fully and freely.

Efforts have been made to prevent me from obtaining relevant information and records; attempts have been made to influence the handling of my testimony by the prosecutors; restrictions have been placed on the scope of my testimony as it relates to the White House; and blatant efforts have been made to publicly intimidate me.

Finally, I am, of course, aware of efforts to discredit me personally in the hope of discrediting my testimony.

In fact, I have learned

from several good friends that there is a concerted effort to "get me." Indeed, this is a most unfortunate attitude, for I seek to "get" no one, rather, I seek to get only the truth.

'The Truth Will Emerge'

This infamous matter has already lingered too long and done too much damage to the processes of government. It will only end when the truth is told.

Those who believe that they can "get me" and discredit my testimony with absurd or personal attacks are forgetting what I believe is a basic fact of life—ultimately the truth always emerges. The truth will emerge in the Watergate case.

I am a lawyer and have full faith in our judicial process. The taxpayers, who have been my employers for the last several years, deserve from me the full facts as I know them.

And I, too, believe that justice must be pursued fairly, fully, and impartially, no matter who is involved.