

# Dean Testifies on GOP Fund Raising

## Washington

President Nixon's reelection campaign tried to collect as much money as possible while Mr. Nixon stalled before signing legislation that tightened fund raising controls, ousted White House counsel John W. Dean III said yesterday.

Dean made the comment in pre-trial testimony taken by the so-called citizens' lobby, Common Cause, in its civil suit against the Committee to Re-Elect the President. The suit seeks to force disclosure of the names of certain contributors who gave money to the Nixon campaign before the new finance law went into effect.

Dean said there was a "discussion" in the White House on how long Mr. Nixon would wait to sign the bill into law, but he could not be specific. He said the President wound up waiting the full ten calendar days allotted him by the Constitution before signing the measure in February, 1972.

During Dean's sworn testimony he was asked by a Common Cause attorney "do you have any knowledge that Mr. (Maurice) Stans was trying to collect as much as he could before the new law went into effect?"

"Yes, I think Mr. Stans was trying to collect as much as he could."

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