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Says Magruder or Dean Was Source

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WASHINGTON, June 5 — Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell personally chose three sites, including the Watergate complex, for electronic bugging of the Democrats in 1972, according to information that John D. Ehrlichman said he gathered for President Nixon earlier this year.

The information, Mr. Ehrlichman testified, was supplied to him by Jeb Stuart Magruder, who was second in command at

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the Committee for the Re-election of the President, or John W. Dean 3d, former counsel to the President as such, it was hearsay.

Mr. Ehrlichman's statement was taken under oath as testimony in the Democratic party's \$6.4-million damage suit against the Committee for the Re-election of the President in connection with the break-in at the party's national headquarters in the Watergate office and apartment complex last June 17.

Taken in May

The 187-page deposition was taken in private on May 22 and 23 and released today. Mr. Ehrlichman, before his resignation, was assistant to the President for domestic affairs. He was regarded as one of the most powerful men on the President's staff.

In the deposition Mr. Ehrlichman said that an electronic bugging plan had been put forward by Mr. Dean and G. Gordon Diddy, a convicted Watergate burglar, and accepted by Mr. Mitchell, who resigned as Attorney General to head the re-election committee.

He said Mr. Mitchell had personally circled or checked off three targets on a list handed to him — Watergate, Senator George McGovern's headquarters in Washington and the Democrats' national convention headquarters at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach.

Said He Rejected Plan

In his extensive answers to questioning by one of the Democrats' lawyers, Maurice Dunie, Mr. Ehrlichman commented on a number of major figures in the Watergate scandals, generally laying blame at the feet of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Dean and Mr. Magruder.

Any role by the President in Watergate, if there was one, was never directly discussed in the interrogation. Mr. Ehrlichman pictured Mr. Nixon as generally unaware of the events that led up to Watergate.

However, Mr. Ehrlichman

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