

Nixon Will Release Log of Dean Talks

Washington

The White House agreed yesterday to furnish the Senate Watergate committee and federal prosecutors with logs of a series of meetings President Nixon held earlier this year with his former coun-

sel, John W. Dean III.

The agreement, announced by deputy White House press secretary Gerald L. Warren, followed a statement by the Senate committee's chief counsel—which he later denied making—that he intend-

ed to serve a subpoena to obtain the logs.

Warren backed down from his position on Monday that it would be "constitutionally inappropriate" to turn the logs over to the public, the committee or federal investigators.

Warren said the logs would be handed to committee counsel Samuel Dash as soon as they are "compiled and verified" and that they also would be given to special Watergate prosecutor Archibald Cox if he requested them.

The logs, he said, would confirm that Mr. Nixon and Dean met on "many occasions" during the first few months of the year.

Dean has reportedly told Senate investigators he met with Mr. Nixon 35 or 40 times earlier this year to discuss a Watergate cover-up, but Warren disputed this.

Warren said Mr. Nixon and Dean discussed a variety of matters, including the Watergate inquiry, L. Patrick Gray's confirmation hearings to be FBI director and a White House statement on executive privilege.

Dash and Warren agreed yesterday that the White House had cooperated fully with the Senate committee in making arrangements for transfer of the logs.

The logs record the times and dates—but not the substance—of a series of telephone calls and meetings Mr. Nixon has had with Dean, whom he fired as White House counsel on April 30.

Interest in the conversations was aroused by reports in the Washington Post and the New York Times that Dean had said he met at least 35 times with the President during the first four months of the year to discuss a coverup of the Watergate scandal. *United Press*