

Watergate Prosecutor Team  
Makes Public Letter to Dean

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Mr. John W. Dean, III  
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Dear Mr. Dean

Heretofore, you have been advised that you are a subject of investigation in the current Grand Jury inquiry. This letter is written after a number of conferences with us attended by you and your counsel. Emerging from these conferences is your conditional offer to testify on behalf of the Government in the prosecution of others for their criminal conduct provided you are not prosecuted for what you

have done. The Grand Jury and this office cannot accept this proposal because it would run counter to the interests of the public, justice and sound law enforcement.

To begin with, the evidence that has been gathered and is still being gathered establishes that you were at the center of a very profound kind of corruption. Involved was your exploitation of a position of trust in order to foster a pervasive scheme to obstruct justice. Things that the FBI, the Grand Jury, and this office were striving to uncover about the implication of others in the Watergate matter were blocked and frustrated by your connivance in collaboration with others.

Accordingly, we cannot allow you to trade your testimony about the culpability of others in return for dropping all charges against you. However, as you know there is a deep interest by this office and the Grand Jury in the full disclosure of your evidence concerning the guilt of others who should share the blame with you.

Therefore, in return for your complete and truthful testimony concerning everything you know about the Watergate case and the guilt of others, this office will consent to allowing you to plead guilty to a one count indictment charging a conspiracy to obstruct justice.

If at this late date, you are sincerely sorry for your participation in the sorry picture of corruption; if at this late date, you wish to make amends and let the truth be told; if at this late date, you are genuinely interested in advancing the public interest and the ends of justice, then you should demonstrate this in a meaningful way by providing the

testimony which could facilitate the successful prosecution of others who are also guilty in this matter.

Sincerely,

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