

Campaign Funds

A Report Dean 'Borrowed' Cash

Washington

John W. Dean III has told federal investigators that he kept \$14,000 in 1972 Republican campaign funds and at one time "borrowed" \$4000 to finance his wedding and honeymoon, sources close to the Watergate case said yesterday.

The sources said Dean subsequently returned the \$4000 — which he said he secured with his personal IOU — and placed all of the cash in a special trust fund set up after his break with the White House.

The trust fund "is no in John's name," one well informed official said. He added, however, that "the feds (prosecutors) know where the money is."

The \$14,000 was the remainder of a special \$22,000 fund that was authorized by high White House officials for the purchase of newspaper advertisements in support of President Nixon's Vietnam war policies in May 1972, during the Democratic and Republican primary campaigns, sources said. The money was left in Dean's safekeeping they said.

Senate sources said that Dean was questioned about

his handling of campaign cash during his five-hour appearance Saturday before committee counsels.

Sources said that a summary provided yesterday to other members of the Watergate committee noted that Dean borrowed \$4000 last year to pay for his wedding and honeymoon and subsequently paid it back by check.

Dean has been linked to a major role in the Watergate coverup, a responsibility he reportedly is ready to accept during his public testimony next week, but yesterday's disclosure is the first indicating that one of the major coverup participants may have put 1972 campaign cash to personal use.

Another well informed source noted that Dean did not place the \$14,000 in a special trust account until he was advised to do so in late March or early April of this year by Charles Shaffer, his lawyer.

A Justice Department official who confirmed that \$4000 had been "borrowed" from the account shortly before Dean's

wedding last October described the act as a technical crime.

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