

White House Isn't Trying --Weicker

Washington

Senator Lowell P. Weicker (Rep-Conn.) charged yesterday that the White House still has not investigated the Watergate scandal and is trying to "subvert" the inquiry by the select Senate committee.

"There wasn't an investigation, and there isn't an investigation, and that's where the tragedy is of what's going on right now," Weicker, a committee member, said of the White House role in the aftermath of the break-in bugging of Democratic national headquarters a year ago.

Asked if he had new evidence that the White House was engaging in a "deliberate effort to subvert the committee," Weicker said:

"Yes I do, not only the public pressures which you see in trying to blast the committee, but still other pressures that go on, and yes . . . I'll present that evidence."

Weicker, interviewed on NBC-TV's Today show, noted there had been testimony that the White House tried to influence the committee's makeup and selection of its staff.

He said he found basically credible the testimony of ousted presidential counsel John W. Dean III.

"I'm not saying that I believe 100 per cent of John Dean's story," Weicker said, "and I'm sure there are many self-serving statements in the testimony, I'm sure he's motivated by a variety of considerations — but is he getting the facts before the American people that would never have come out were it not for John Dean? The answer is yes."

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