Dean Cooled 'Crazy Schemes'

Washington

Just a day after he revealed details of a White House list of enemies, John W. Dean III said yesterday he prevented many "crazy schemes" from being carried out during the 1972 presidential campaign.

The fired White House counsel told Senate investigators he acted as a restraining influence when proposals for "wild and crazy" schemes crossed his desk. He told the committee he received so many "wild" proposals during the campaign that it became a "joke" among his staff. But he declined to elaborate on the proposals or reveal who made them.

They were simply filed away and allowed to die from lack of action, he said. "Just like the political enemies memo," the schemes "went right into the files."

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