

Nixon and an Inauguration Protester

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Former White House counsel John W. Dean III said yesterday President Nixon insisted that a man who broke through police lines during his inauguration be prosecuted. But Dean said he let the mat-

ter drop without action.

Dean said the man broke through police lines during the inauguration and ran toward the presidential car, getting only about five feet from the curb before being knocked down by Secret Service agents.

"That night the head of the Secret Service detail assigned to protect the President called me and told me that the President was quite angry about this and wanted something done about it," Dean said.

"I told him to tell the

President that he had reported it to me and that I was looking into it," Dean said.

Dean said a short time later at a White House church service, Mr. Nixon pulled him aside and said, "I want something done about this

man." Dean said, however, that he looked into the matter and determined that no substantive charge could be brought against the man.

"There was no assassination attempt," Dean said. "He apparently was merely trying to make a point of

being arrested in a public forum to make his protest." *Associated Press*