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Had Data on Eagleton

Washington

Former presidential aide John D. Ehrlichman said yesterday it was "absolutely false" that he had copies of Senator Thomas Eagleton's medical records before the story of his medical history was leaked to the press.

Ehrlichman made the comment in response to a reporter's question during a break in testimony before the Senate Watergate committee.

Reports that Eagleton had

received electric shock treatments for nervous exhaustion in 1960, 1964 and 1966 led to his withdrawal last summer as the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

The Washington Post reported May 17 that Ehrlichman had obtained copies of the reports which Eagleton had not shown to his presidential running mate, Senator George McGovern.

"That is absolutely false," said Ehrlichman.

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