

# There's More, Says Dash

## The Stain of Watergate May Spread Across the Land

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WASHINGTON — "Stay tuned," advises Sam Dash, chief counsel of the Senate Watergate Committee.

Dash is telling interviewers that the story still untold about the tactics of presidential politics may be more important even than the ugly picture of the White House and the men who worked there already presented in 17 days of public testimony.

But he's telling little else about the espionage and sabotage and fund-raising practices of President Nixon's 1972 election campaign.

### Spreading Stain

Dash does hint that the stain of Watergate, previously confined largely to the capital, may spread over much of the United States, as the committee follows the trail of "dirty tricks" and the sources of the more than \$50 million that flowed into the coffers of the Committee to Re-Elect the President.

The seven questioning senators have scattered for vacations, but Dash and the staff investigators of the Select Committee of Presidential Campaign Activities already have begun intensive preparation for the second and third phases of the historic inquiry, even as President Nixon prepared to respond to the revelations and accusations of Phase One.

### A Month To Go

A tired-looking David M. Dorsen, assistant chief counsel, crossing the Capitol grounds last week after the



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hearings recessed, was asked if he was going to take time off for a rest.

"Yeah, about 12 hours," Dorsen sighed.

Until the recess, Dash, Dorsen and most of the committee staff were absorbed in the day-to-day work of the hearings and the subject matter of the still unfinished Phase One: The planning, execution and cover-up of the burglary of the Democratic National Committee headquarters at the Watergate on June 17, 1972.

Only a skeleton work force was assigned to explore the other aspects of the 1972 election campaign of which the Watergate break-in and bugging were a part.

Now, with only a month to pull together the evidence on the rest of the Watergate story, Dash said the staff work will be "around the clock." Investigators are already interviewing witnesses

in cities around the country, Dash said.

"In Phase One, everything was concentrated in Washington because it involved an incident that occurred here," Dash said. "But the espionage occurred all over the country and the campaign finance matters are all over the country. It's now a nationwide investigation."

Phase Two of the Watergate hearings are scheduled to bare the activities of Donald Segretti, the young California lawyer employed by Nixon campaign forces to bedevil opposing Democratic candidates.

Segretti is under indictment in Florida on charges of circulating defamatory campaign literature falsely accusing Democratic Senators Hubert Humphrey of

Minnesota and Henry Jackson of Washington of sexual misconduct.

The committee intends to investigate allegations that corporations regulated by the federal government were pressured for campaign contributions and that White House political agents attempted to turn the Internal Revenue Service into a weapon to harass "enemies" of the administration.

"These will be perhaps the most important phases of the investigation," Dash insists. "It will require the committee to be more creative in the legislative area. After all, we don't really need new laws against wire tapping, burglary and eavesdropping. But this whole area of what's fair or foul in presidential elections is very murky, and we'll be getting into it for the first time."