



JOHN W. DEAN III
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Dean Named Vesco Case Conspirator

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NEW YORK, Aug. 13—Former presidential counselor John W. Dean III today was named a co-conspirator, but not a defendant, in an alleged attempt by two former Nixon Cabinet members to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation.

The name of Dean, who has accused President Nixon of being aware of the cover-up on the Watergate scandal, was contained in a bill of particulars filed by the government in response to demands by former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans.

Mitchell and Stans were indicted by a federal grand jury on May 10 for allegedly attempting to halt or slow an SEC probe of fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco, in return for a \$250,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign. A suitcase containing \$200,000 in \$100 bills was secretly delivered to Stans on April 10, 1972, hours before Mitchell arranged an appointment for a Vesco attorney with William J. Casey, then chairman of the SEC, the indictment charged. The attorney,

Harry L. Sears, who was chairman of the New Jersey Committee to Re-elect the President, and Vesco, were also indicted.

In addition to the obstruction of justice charges, Mitchell and Stans were also accused of lying to the grand jury about their parts in the affair. Trial of the case is currently set for Sept. 11. At that time, U.S. District Court Judge Lee P. Gagliardi is also expected to rule on defense claims that Mitchell and Stans cannot receive a fair trial because of the publicity surrounding the Watergate case.

The papers filed today also named two other co-conspirators: Howard F.

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Cerny, an attorney who is a long-time friend of President Nixon's two brothers, and Laurence B. Richardson Jr., former president of Vesco-controlled International Controls Corp. Richardson, along with Sears, delivered the cash-laden suitcase to Stans.

According to the indictment, which was supplemented by today's filing, Dean, acting on a request from Mitchell, called Casey late last October to ask that subpoenas issued to ICC employees be delayed. On May 18, Casey, now under secretary of state for economic affairs, confirmed that Dean called him, but said he never acted on the request.

The papers filed today, however, claim that the return dates of five subpoenas were delayed up to eight days.

The subpoenas were issued as part of the SEC investigation, which later resulted in a \$224 million civil fraud suit filed against Vesco and 41 other corporate and individual defendants. The case, tried last spring, is now awaiting the judge's verdict.

In addition to naming the co-conspirators, the papers also detail charges that Stans falsified financial reports submitted to the General Accounting Office by the Nixon campaign committees. "The reports were false and fraudulent in that they omitted any reference to the receipt of the secret \$200,000 cash contribution of defendant Vesco on or about April 10, 1972, or any reference to disbursements which the committee may have made therefrom to Frederick LaRue, G. Gordon Liddy and Herbert Porter."

Liddy, who was convicted in the Watergate trial ear-

lier this year, was counsel to the Committee for the Re-Election of the President and is now in a federal prison. LaRue pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to obstruct justice. Porter, director of scheduling for the Committee, has admitted that he committed perjury during the Watergate trial.

In addition to the secret \$200,000 payment, Vesco also contributed \$50,000 by check in October, 1972. The entire amount was returned to him last January.

The bill of particulars also said that, in return for his contacts with Mitchell and Stans, Sears received a \$35,000 loan and a \$10,000 cash payment. Sears was also a director and special counsel for ICC, receiving \$5,000 a month.