

## Dean Can Testify

### In Chapin Trial

Washington

U.S. District Judge Gerhard Gesell ruled yesterday that John W. Dean III can testify for the government at the forthcoming trial of former White House aide Dwight L. Chapin. Dean is expected to be a major witness.

Chapin had claimed that he consulted Dean while Dean was counsel to President Nixon and that therefore a confidential attorney-client relationship existed that would bar Dean from testifying.

In a two-paragraph order Gesell denied the claim of privilege but said it was sub-

ject to a single qualification.

What that qualification was the judge would not say.

Chapin's trial on four charges that he lied under oath to the Watergate grand jury is scheduled to begin April 1. The government said it planned to offer Dean's testimony about conversations he had with Chapin — all of them concerning the activities of convicted political undercover agent Donald Segretti.

The charges against Chapin result from his statements to the grand jury that he did not know about Segretti's activities.

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