

# What's News—

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**WATERGATE PANEL** lawyers said it appears Mitchell approved the break-in.

A proposed final report submitted to the seven Senators on the Watergate panel cites the "weight of the evidence" as showing that the former Attorney General authorized the break-in. The draft report, prepared by counsel Samuel Dash, also says evidence indicates that money paid to Watergate defendants was hush money, not funds for lawyers' fees. And it proposes creation of a permanent "public attorney" similar to the Watergate special prosecutor.

*The rough draft, which committee members haven't accepted or rejected, proposes seven laws to avert recurrences of the abuses investigated.*

The staff hasn't any evidence to support President Nixon's statement that he withdrew his approval of a domestic intelligence-gathering plan in 1970 shortly after clearing it. The lawyers said they found it difficult to accept John Ehrlichman's claim that he didn't expressly authorize the break-in at Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

*The judge in the Ellsberg case, Gerhard Gesell, expressed some sympathy for the view that Nixon could suspend the constitutional ban on illegal searches to plug national-security leaks.*

The House Judiciary Committee's chief counsel, John Doar, said he would urge members to issue a subpoena for the added Nixon evidence wanted. The White House said Tuesday it won't supply that data. Rep. Peter Rodino (D., N.J.), chairman, agreed that his staff "absolutely" doesn't have all it needs, but put off any vote on a subpoena until next week.

The original Watergate inquiry by the Justice Department will be investigated by the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is considering the nomination of Earl Silbert, the first prosecutor, to be a U.S. Attorney. The panel next week is expected to call former Attorney General Richard Kleindienst and the Criminal Division's Henry Petersen.

A priest who is a Nixon adviser, Father John McLaughlin, asserted that the released transcripts don't show any immoral behavior and that those who say they do are guilty of hypocrisy.

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