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Weicker Asks Sirica

To Cut Dean's Sentence

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP) — Senator Lowell P. Weicker Jr. has asked United States District Judge John J. Sirica to reduce the sentence of John W. Dean 3d, former White House counsel.

In a letter released by Mr. Weicker's office late today, the Connecticut Republican said, "Whatever hurt John Dean did his fellow countrymen was more than replaced by the risks which he took on their behalf."

Mr. Weicker said he understood that Mr. Dean had moved or soon would move for a reduction in his one-to four-year prison term for obstruction of justice in the Watergate cause. Judge Sirica imposed the sentence.

Mr. Dean, Mr. Nixon's chief accuser on Watergate, began serving his term Sept. 3 at a Federal institution in Maryland.

"I have known John Dean since May of 1973," Mr. Weicker wrote. "Since that time I have heard this young man step out from under the protection of the most powerful office in the world to tell the truth of the abuse of that office to the American people."