

A Plea on Dean Jail Term

Washington

Former White House counsel John W. Dean III asked Judge John J. Sirica yesterday to reduce his one - to - four year sentence imposed after pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy in the Watergate coverup.

Attorney Charles Norman Shaffer pointed out in a formal motion filed with Sirica that Dean had cooperated with the Senate Watergate committee, the Watergate

grand jury and the court for 16 months without demanding immunity for himself in the bargain.

While his volunteer testimony had made it possible for prosecutors to discover the full scope of the Watergate conspiracy, Dean received a heavier sentence than some other defendants in Watergate cases, Shaffer said.

Shaffer pointed out that defendants Herbert Kalmbach received six to 18

months, Charles Colson, one to three years, E. Howard Hunt 2½ to eight years; Dwight Chapin, 29 to 30 months, John Ehrlichman 1¾ to five years, and Egil Krogh six months.

"When compared with these sentences, particularly Mr. Colson's whose cooperation is at best questionable and Mr. Krogh's who didn't cooperate from the start, the Dean sentence of up to four years is harsh," Shaffer said.

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