

What Dean Predicts

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Further revelations — "big ones" about former President Nixon are still to come, former White House counsel John Dean predicted in an interview published yesterday in the January edition of Playboy magazine.

Dean, serving a prison sentence of one to four years for obstruction of justice in the Watergate affair, refused to say what the revelations will concern.

"I just think that there will be further revelations and that these, too, will influence history," he said. Asked whether the revelations would be big ones, he replied: "Big ones."

Dean became a national figure when he appeared before the televised hearings of the Senate Watergate committee and claimed the coverup of the scandal was conducted with the knowledge and consent of Mr. Nixon.

Dean, 36, gave the Playboy interview a few days before he began serving his prison sentence. He said he had been threatened from time to time through official channels as well as through the mail.

"I'm afraid I can't be more specific," he said. "But they were serious enough so that (former Watergate) special prosecutor Archibald Cox thought I ought to have protection when I testified before the Senate, he said. A U.S. marshal had been assigned to him this year — before he entered prison — on a 24-hour basis.

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