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Colson Talks Of CIA Role In Watergate

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Former White House special counsel Charles Colson reasserted his claim yesterday of Central Intelligence Agency involvement in the Watergate and Ellsberg break-ins and said he is talking to the special prosecutor's office about it, according to CBS News.

"I think that most of what I have read in the files would indicate that the whole CIA organization, from Mr. Helms on down through the top management level, were very much aware of what was going on, much more aware than they ever admitted to the Justice Department at the time," Colson said.

He was referring to Richard Helms, CIA director during the period of the

break-ins.

In an interview broadcast last night on the CBS "Evening News," Colson said "the CIA was involved in both" the June, 1972, Watergate break-in and a burglary the previous year at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

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