

John Dean's Idea About 'Deep Throat'

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Former White House counsel John Dean concluded while in prison that "Deep Throat," the mysterious informer in the Washington Post's coverage of the Watergate scandal, was Nixon speechwriter David Gergen, the New York Post said yesterday.

The Post said Dean arrived at this conclusion after talking with former White House friends and after long personal deliberation. But the Post said Dean declined to name Gergen as the figure in his just-published book, "Blind Ambition — the White House Years," because he was not absolutely sure.

The 34-year-old Gergen, now director of President Ford's White House Office of Communications, said, "There is not one scintilla of evidence that I had, or was in a position to have" the material Deep Throat gave to Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward.

Ever since Woodward and fellow-reporter Carl Bernstein wrote about the cover-up scandal, guessing the identity of "Deep Throat" has been a favorite parlor game around Washington.

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