

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN RE: POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS  
OF 18 USC 2511 and 2512

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Grand Jury Room No. 3  
United States District Courthouse  
3rd & Constitution Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Thursday, February 14, 1974

The testimony of JOHN W. DEAN, III, was presented  
to a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

BEFORE:

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1 listening to tapes, to differentiate between the meetings  
2 but that statements that you attribute to one meeting very  
3 well may have occurred in another meeting, or have been re-  
4 peated in substance at the various meetings. Is that, as a  
5 general matter, correct?

6 A That is correct. I was -- when I prepared my  
7 Senate testimony, I was aware of things that occurred that I  
8 couldn't put in any particular meeting and, sometimes, I  
9 omitted them for that reason thinking they would come up in  
10 cross examination at the Senate hearings, which they didn't.

11 Q Mr. Dean, did there come a time around the latter  
12 part of March when you learned that Howard Hunt was threaten-  
13 ing to reveal certain matters if his demands for payment of  
14 substantial amounts of money were not met?

15 A Yes, I did learn such a fact.

16 Q From whom did you learn this information?

17 A From Mr. Paul O'Brien.

18 Q In substance, what did Mr. Paul O'Brien tell you?

19 A Mr. O'Brien reported that he had had a meeting with  
20 Mr. Hunt and Mr. Hunt had told him, at the meeting, a number  
21 of things. One particularly of which was that he should take  
22 a message to John Dean.

23 I said, "Why Dean?" And he said, "I raised the  
24 same question with Mr. Hunt and his response was, 'Well, you  
25 just take this to Dean,'" which O'Brien was doing. He told

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1 me that Hunt said that sentencing was eminent and he had to  
2 make his arrangements and he had just a few days to do it in;  
3 that he wanted to have some, you know, hard evidence that he  
4 was being supported in terms of money for his living fees  
5 and money for his attorney fees, and if this money did not  
6 come he would have to reconsider his option and might have  
7 some very seamy things to say about Mr. Ehrlichman.

8 Q Now, prior to the 21st of March, did you have a  
9 conversation with Mr. Ehrlichman about what you had learned  
10 from Mr. O'Brien?

11 A Yes. After Mr. O'Brien brought this to my atten-  
12 tion, I brought it to Mr. Ehrlichman's attention.

13 Q Well, what was the conversation, in substance, which  
14 you had with Mr. Ehrlichman?

15 A Mr. Ehrlichman appeared to want to give the impres-  
16 sion that he wasn't particularly concerned about the --

17 Q I take it you related the substance of what Mr.  
18 O'Brien told you to Mr. Ehrlichman?

19 A Yes, I did. And he wanted to give the impression  
20 he wasn't particularly concerned about it, but he asked me if  
21 I'd talked to John Mitchell about it. I said, no, I had not.  
22 He said, "Well, I think you better talk to Mr. Mitchell about  
23 this." And that was the conversation.

24 Q Thereafter, did you have a conversation with Mr.  
25 Mitchell?

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