

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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3 IN RE: POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS :  
4 OF 18 USC 2511 and 2512 :  
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6 Grand Jury Room No. 3  
7 United States District Courthouse  
8 3rd & Constitution Avenue, N. W.  
9 Washington, D. C.

Thursday, February 14, 1974

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

12 BEFORE:

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1 meeting with Mr. Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman, did you not?

2 A Yes, I did.

3 Q During the course of that meeting, was there any  
4 discussion about what your preference might be as to Mr.  
5 Mitchell's future actions?

6 A Yes, there was. The nature of that conversation  
7 was that it was felt that Mr. Mitchell should be the one to  
8 step forward and stand responsible for the entire Watergate  
9 matter and that, if he did, the problems that had occurred  
10 after June 17th would dissipate themselves and there would  
11 be a satisfaction with somebody that was standing accountable  
12 for the matter.

13 In other words, a big enough fish would have been  
14 caught that the problem would have been resolved.

15 Q In other words, that would have taken public opinion  
16 away from what might have occurred after the break-in, in  
17 connection with the so-called cover-up?

18 A That is correct.

19 Q Now, on the 22nd of March, in the morning, did you  
20 attend a meeting with Mr. Haldeman, Mr. Ehrlichman and Mr.  
21 Mitchell?

22 A Yes, I did attend such a meeting.

23 Q Where did that take place?

24 A In Mr. Haldeman's office.

25 Q Do you recall any reference being made to Mr. Hunt's

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1 demands at any point in that meeting?

2 A Yes. I do recall very well the circumstances. It  
3 was just as the meeting was starting. The participants --  
4 the four of us -- were seated in the four chairs in front of  
5 Mr. Haldeman's fireplace and Mr. Mitchell was directly across  
6 from Mr. Ehrlichman and I was directly across from Mr. Halde-  
7 man.

8 As we were sitting down, Mr. Ehrlichman had, in sort  
9 of an offhand -- not particular focusing anyone's attention  
10 on it -- manner, but something that everyone could clearly  
11 hear, to Mr. Mitchell or just openly to the air, that he  
12 wondered about Mr. Hunt's problem and how that was -- some-  
13 thing to that effect -- and Mr. Mitchell responded, immediately,  
14 that he didn't think that Mr. Hunt was a problem anymore.

15 Q Was the matter dropped at that point?

16 A That was all that was said.

17 Q Now, was there any discussion with Mr. Mitchell  
18 about Mr. Mitchell coming forth in the manner which you had  
19 discussed the previous afternoon?

20 A No. There was not. In fact, I had expected to  
21 witness a rather spectacular show that morning, when they  
22 presented this to Mr. Mitchell, and there was not so much as  
23 a word mentioned to Mr. Mitchell that he should account for  
24 himself.

25 Q Was some reference made later on during the course