

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.

Monday, November 19, 1973

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

BEFORE:

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United States Department of Justice

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Assistant Special Prosecutor  
United States Department of Justice

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Assistant Special Prosecutor  
United States Department of Justice

1 was going to be involved. I didn't really think that my  
2 second meeting was going to change the results of that.

3 Q Did there come a time when Mr. Mitchell asked you  
4 to seek your superiors' permission to go ahead and contact  
5 Mr. Kalmbach about becoming involved in raising money for the  
6 defendants?

7 A Yes. He specifically asked me to check with Mr.  
8 Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman as to the use of Mr. Kalmbach.

9 Q Do you recall any comments that he made on that  
10 occasion?

11 A Yes, I do. I recall -- well, where it happened.  
12 It was in his office at the re-election committee -- I should  
13 say his law office over in the same building.

14 I was standing by his desk, and he said to me that  
15 I should go ahead and check with Haldeman and Ehrlichman about  
16 using Kalmbach because he thought that they would be very  
17 interested in seeing this problem dealt with.

18 Q Did you in fact seek the approval of both Mr.  
19 Haldeman and Mr. Ehrlichman?

20 A Yes, I did. I sought it and received it.

21 Q Had you ever asked Mr. Kalmbach in the past to take  
22 on any fund raising assignment?

23 A Never had.

24 Q Had you ever asked him to take on any assignment?

25 A No.

1 Q Do you recall whether he had notes or some kind of  
2 written material from which he made this accounting?

3 A Yes. He had a small slip of paper which he had been  
4 carrying in his wallet. He took this small piece of paper out  
5 of his wallet and had written in a very small print these  
6 figures and he read them to LaRue.

7 I don't recall whether LaRue made any notes or not,  
8 but after Kalmbach had done his reporting, there was sort of  
9 a ceremonial burning of the piece of paper in an ashtray on my  
10 desk.

11 Q Mr. Kalmbach burned the paper himself?

12 A Yes.

13 Q Now during July, August, and September of 1972, did  
14 the demands that were being communicated from the defendants  
15 continue?

16 A Yes, they did.

17 Q Mr. Dean, was it on account of these continuing  
18 demands that Mr. Kalmbach had to raise additional money as time  
19 went along?

20 A That's correct.

21 Q To your own personal knowledge, who knew about the  
22 payments that were being made to the defendants?

23 A Mr. Haldeman, Mr. Ehrlichman, Mr. Mitchell, of course  
24 Kalmbach.

25 Q I take it you personally had conversations with Mr.

1 LaRue and Mr. Mitchell about it?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And you initially had gotten approval for the opera-  
4 tion from Mr. Ehrlichman?

5 A That's correct, and Haldeman.

6 Q Did you subsequently discuss how this was going with  
7 Mr. Ehrlichman on occasion?

8 A It came up on a regular basis.

9 Q On a regular basis?

10 A Yes.

11 Q And at this time, prior to the indictment on  
12 September 15th, did you ever have a discussion about a Cuban  
13 defense or a Miami defense fund that had been set up?

14 A I don't recall when the discussion of the defense  
15 fund really came out. It was certainly something that was  
16 being kicked around long before it actually, I understand, was  
17 created.

18 There was no such actually operating defense fund to  
19 my knowledge, and it was always assumed that it would be one  
20 of the best fundraisings in the world because it had a sure  
21 sources of money.

22 Q But at this time this was being talked about, if at  
23 all, as a future possibility?

24 A In September, you're saying?

25 Q July, August, September.