

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.

10 Thursday, February 14, 1974

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

13 BEFORE:

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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?

1 A Yes, I did.

2 Q And, in substance, what was that conversation? I
3 take it Mr. Mitchell was not in Washington at the time?

4 A No, he was not. I had to call him in New York and,
5 as I recall it, it was late in the evening and he had left
6 his office. I reached him at home and had a guarded conversa-
7 tion with him because I had been told by Mr. LaRue -- as a
8 matter of fact, I think he was the one who first told me to
9 be very careful in calling Mr. Mitchell's hotel or apartment
10 because Mrs. Mitchell might well want to listen in on the
11 telephone.

12 Q And what do you recall the substance of that conversa-
13 tion being?

14 A I recall that it was a guarded conversation and that
15 I related to Mr. Mitchell what Mr. Ehrlichman had asked me to
16 relate to him.

17 Q And what was Mr. Mitchell's response, if any?

18 A Well, I don't recall -- I recall one thing we talked
19 about was whether Mr. Pappas -- but I didn't use the name
20 Pappas, as I recall -- was coming into town, as a potential
21 source of money.

22 I referred to Mr. Pappas as "a Greek bearing gifts,"
23 and most of the conversation was in a guarded manner like this.
24 And Mr. Mitchell indicated to me he believed Mr. Pappas was
25 going to be in town shortly -- something to that effect.

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1 Q Now, did Mr. Mitchell, at that time, indicate to
2 you, one way or another, whether Mr. Hunt would be paid?

3 A No, he did not.

4 Q Thereafter, did you have a conversation with Mr.
5 LaRue?

6 A Yes, I did.

7 Q And what was the substance of that conversation?

8 A Mr. LaRue wanted to know what I was going to do
9 about the problem that had raised, and I told him, nothing;
10 that I was out of that business.

11 He then asked me what I thought he should do and
12 I told him I thought he ought to talk to Mitchell about it.

13 Q Now, after the meeting on the 21st with the Presi-
14 dent and, for a portion, Mr. Haldeman, did you learn from
15 anyone whether Mr. Mitchell had been contacted with respect
16 to coming down to Washington and meeting with you and Mr.
17 Haldeman and the President and Mr. Ehrlichman?

18 A Yes, I did.

19 Q And when did you learn that?

20 A Sometime on the 21st, I learned it from Mr. Halde-
21 man. Originally, it had been hoped that Mr. Mitchell could
22 come down immediately but, for some reason, he couldn't come
23 down until the next morning. So a meeting was scheduled for
24 the next morning.

25 Q Now, later on in the day, on the 21st, you had a