

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 February 5, 1974

11 The testimony of HENRY E. PETERSEN was presented to
12 a full quorum of the Grand Jury.

13 BEFORE:

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1 course of that meeting, whether or not he could believe John
2 Dean or did believe John Dean as a result of what Mr. Dean
3 told him on March 21st?

4 My question is whether that was related to the
5 President telling you that he had asked Ehrlichman to write
6 a report.

7 A I don't think --

8 Q And make an investigation.

9 A I'm puzzling over the use of your word "believe."
10 Certainly, the President's attitude, as I interpreted it,
11 was that he found it difficult to believe, but I don't mean
12 to imply that he was saying John Dean was lying about this
13 or so-and-so. And because he found his situation unbelievable,
14 incredible, he had asked Ehrlichman to look into the facts
15 of the matter and to give him the report that John Dean should
16 have given him.

17 I think one of the things I asked him was, "Well,
18 didn't Dean ever give you a report of all of this?" And he
19 said, no, Dean had never given him a report. This was common-
20 place in the press that Dean had.

21 Q Did the President indicate to you anything about
22 the substance of Mr. Ehrlichman's report?

23 A No, he did not.

24 Q Did the President indicate to you whether Mr. Dean,
25 back in March, had told the same or a similar set of facts
concerning the involvement of Haldeman and Ehrlichman?

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