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Dear Mr. Shepard:

Thank you for the very thoughtful gift of your book about the Watergate prosecution. I have already started to read it and so far have not been in the least bit surprised by your description of the unethical and illegal conduct of Judge John Sirica and the special prosecutors.

While you were at the White House, I was a Special Attorney assigned to the Justice Department's Organized Crime Strike Force in Buffalo, New York. In that capacity, I had one of my mob informants placed in protective custody at the Fort Holabird safe house where he got to know John Dean, Jeb Stuart Magruder, Chuck Colson and Herb Kalmbach.

My informant, who was a made member of the Mafia, spoke highly of Colson and Kalmbach as decent "stand up guys". On the other hand, he considered Dean and Magruder to be totally untrustworthy weaklings. Of Dean, he said, "That guy would steal the silver dollars off his dead mother's eyes."

He told me that when Maureen Dean would arrive for week-end conjugal visits, he would go out of his way to engage her in conversation in the day room just to cut into her alone time with John. He also said that Maureen never seemed to be in a hurry to go upstairs to John's room.

From what I have read so far, I get the impression that you and my informant share the same opinion of Dean's shortcomings - albeit from radically different perspectives.

Again, thank you for the book.

Best regards,

