

Memorandum

TO : Henry S. Ruth, Jr.
Special Prosecutor

DATE: May 19, 1975

FROM : Maureen E. Gevlin *meg*

SUBJECT: Dean's testimony concerning Materials in Hunt's Safe that were given to L. Patrick Gray

I have reviewed John Dean's testimony before the Senate Select Committee and at the Watergate trial concerning the documents from Hunt's safe which were turned over to L. Patrick Gray. Basically, Dean's testimony is that "politically sensitive" materials were given to Gray; he has not given an item-by-item description of what those materials were. However, during the Watergate trial, Dean explicitly stated that the "bogus cable" file and a file on Ellsberg were given to Gray. It appears that Gray also received material relating to Hunt's investigation of the Chappaquidick incident, and correspondence from Hunt to Colson concerning the plumbers unit.

Before the Senate Select Committee, Dean testified that Hunt's White House safe contained the following:

1. Classified cables from the State Department relating to the early years of the Vietnam war. These constituted the bulk of the documents found in Hunt's safe, and were apparently given to the FBI.
2. A briefcase filled with electronic equipment, also given to FBI agents.
3. Various personal papers - copies of Hunt's per diem submissions, travel vouchers, etc.
4. Other papers which Dean assumed related to Hunt's work at the White House, and which seem to be the ones Dean considered politically sensitive:
 - a). memoranda from Hunt to Colson concerning Hunt's assessment of the plumber's unit, and generally critical of Krough's management;

- b). materials relating to Daniel Ellsberg - newspaper clippings and a psychological study. This must have been the CIA study on Ellsberg, but Dean describes it only as apparently having been prepared by someone who had neither met nor spoken to Ellsberg;
- c). a bogus cable implicating the Kennedy administration in Diem's fall, and materials used to prepare the cable;
- d). a memorandum of a discussion of the bogus cable between Colson and William Lambert;
- e). material concerning an investigation Hunt conducted for Colson at Chappaquidick;
- f). material concerning the Pentagon Papers, and a paperback book of the Papers.

Dean told the Committee that the politically sensitive documents were given to Gray. His only elaboration on what he meant by politically sensitive documents was in saying that he told Ehrlichman about the bogus cables, Ellsberg material, and "other politically sensitive documents "found in Hunt's safe. (Senate Select Committee Tr. 937-38; 948-949.)

Dean's testimony at the Mitchell trial basically parallels that given before the Senate Select Committee. In describing the contents of Hunt's safe, Dean mentioned that it contained correspondence relating to the bogus cable - how it could be leaked to the press and made public; this is probably the memorandum of a discussion between Colson and Lambert which Dean had mentioned to the Watergate Committee. On direct examination, Dean was asked if the materials turned over to Gray included the bogus cable and the file on Ellsberg, and said that they did. On cross examination, Dean was asked what he meant by political documents, and said he meant the bogus cable, Ellsberg documents, and material on the Chappaquidick investigation. (Trial Tr. 2679-2687; 3583; 3597; 3746-3750).

It should be noted that it appears that Dean may not be able to be more precise as to what was given to Gray, since he has testified that (1) no inventory was made of the contents of Hunt's safe; (2) the safe's contents were examined by both he and Fielding, so neither saw everything that had been in it; (3) he asked Fielding to gather the politically sensitive material in separate folders - i.e. it seems that Dean did not actually compile the documents that were given to Gray.

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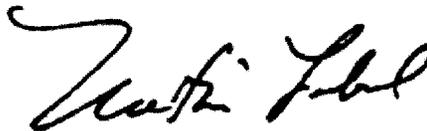
Len Colodny
6909 Lake Place Court
Tampa, FL 33634

RE: Dean v. St. Martin's Press

Dear Len,

Your recollection about the resolution of John Dean's libel case against you because of your book, *Silent Coup*, is correct. The case was dismissed with prejudice (see attached) and you received \$410,000 from your insurance company State Farm. It was a total victory.

Best wishes,



Martin Lobel

Enclosure

Maureen K. Dean and
John W. Dean,
Plaintiffs,

v.

Civ. No. 92-1807(EGS)

St. Martin's Press, Inc.,
et al.,
Defendants.

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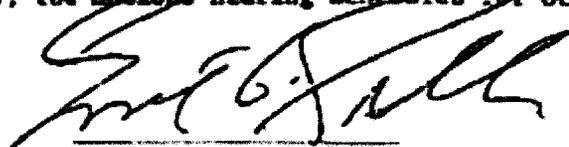
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FOR THE COURT
KATHLEEN M. WETTINGTON, CLERK
U.S. DISTRICT COURT

ORDER

Plaintiffs, Maureen K. Dean and John W. Dean, have moved to dismiss this action with prejudice. Defendant Leonard Colodny initially objected to plaintiffs' motion, but has now withdrawn his opposition in view of plaintiffs' statement that they have foreclosed themselves from reasserting against defendant Colodny any of the causes of action in their Second Amended Complaint.

Plaintiffs' motion is hereby GRANTED and this action shall be dismissed with prejudice as to Defendant Colodny. Accordingly, the ~~motion~~ hearing scheduled for October 5, 1999, is canceled.



EMMET G. SULLIVAN
United States District Judge

Dated 9/24/99

JIM HOUGAN

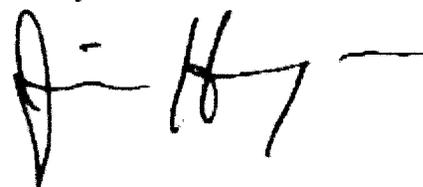
September 30, 1999

Dear Len,

Yowzah! Your insurance company paid you---*the defendant*---to go away? I think that's got to be a first in American jurisprudence. In any case, it establishes for the record that you didn't back off, and that's crucial.

I'm not sure what John Dean has gotten out of his years of toil, but I doubt that it was worth it to him. Certainly, he didn't succeed where you are concerned. And now, he can look forward to meeting Liddy in court. I suspect that will generate a second yowzah, somewhere down the pike.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Hougán", with a horizontal line extending to the right.