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Maurice H. Stans, chairman, finance Committee To re-elect the President, 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington, D.C.

The Republican National Committee, 310 First Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 


Each of the above individuals and organizations acknowledged the receipt of the communication through the person to whom it was delivered.

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This was done.

I am writing to request that you not destroy, remove from your possession or control, or otherwise dispose of the disposal of any records or documents which might have a bearing on the subject under investigation, including but not limited to all records pertaining in any way to the financing and operations of any activity related to or affecting the nomination or election of any person during the recent Presidential campaign.

Sincerely yours,

Mike Mansfield.

Late in the afternoon of Friday, May 4, 1973, the press began calling my office on the basis of a statement made by Mr. John Dean and/or his attorney at which time I instructed Mrs. Salpee Sahagian, administrative assistant to the majority leader, to read the contents of the communication in full and the names of those to whom the communication was sent. This was done. I received several inquiries from the press since and the same procedure was followed.

I also ask unanimous consent to have printed at this point in the Record copies of the replies I received from Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst, Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats, Acting FBI Director Patrick L. Gray III, and Principal Assistant U.S. Attorney Earl J. Silbert.

There being no objection, the replies were ordered to be printed in the Record, as follows:

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL


Hon. Mike Mansfield, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator: I have your letter dated January 16, 1973 pertaining to the Senate conducting a full and complete investigation of the allegations of illegal or improper activities during the recently completed national elections. You can rest assured that the request contained in your letter will be compiled with.

My most sincere best personal regards and respect as always,

Sincerely, Richard G. Kleindienst.

COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES


Hon. Mike Mansfield, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Mansfield: This is in reply to your letter of January 16, 1973, calling our attention to the impending Senate investigation of the allegations of illegal or improper activities during the recent national elections and requesting that we agree to the disposal of any records or documents which might have a bearing on the investigation.

The Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, Public Law 92-225, contains provisions requiring the extended retention of records related to our activities under this law. Most, if not all, of the relevant records under the control of the General Accounting Office would be covered by this statute. Even were this not the case, however, we have no intention of disposing of any of the records in our possession or which might come into our possession during the course of the audit now in progress by the Office of Federal Elections which might have a bearing on the matters under investigation.

Sincerely,

Elmer B. Staats, Comptroller General of the United States.


Senator: Peggy received a call from Dave Bowers of the FBI.

Mr. Bowers said that Mr. Gray received your letter of January 16th and that the Attorney General had replied on Jan. 18 and this reply was for the
whole Department including the FBI. There- 

If there are any questions, contact Mr. 

Mr. MANSFIELD. Mr. President, I did not 

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Mr. MANSFIELD. As I understand it, 

John Wesley Dean, III, by his attorneys 

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13. That short of breaking the locks to 

14. That if this Honorable Court should 

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15. That because of the events described 

16. That for such other and further 

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8. Under penalty of perjury, criminal 

9. That during the substantive period 

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The Members of the President's Staff 

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2. For such other and further relief as 

US. Senate,


JOHN W. DEAN, III, 

Executive Officer of the President, the White House, 

Washington, D.C.

DEAR MR. DEAN: As you may be aware, the 

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