S. to Offer Confessions

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said yesterday "voluntary con- cally concede an error," Mitch- the morale of our local police order instructing federal offifessions" given to federal offi-ell told a House committee departments." warned a suspect of his rights will still be offered in court as evidence by government pros-

fession is invalid and that the sented by a lawyer" was a The attorney general said Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell department should automati- great psychological blow to he has issued an executive cials who may not have conducting hearings on crime.

that the Supreme Court deci- warning, the Department of bill passed last year by Consion, known us the "Miranda Justice now believes that the gress. utors.

"We believe that a failure to warn a suspect of the charges untary confession and should provides "that the Miranda" give a full warning does not against him and of his right to be presented to the court as warnings were not necessarily necessarily mean that the con-remain silent and be repre-evidence," Mitchell said.

The attorney general said vertently fails to give a full sions of the omnibus crime

cials to follow this new policy. "If a federal official inad- He said he acted under provi-

mandatory but are only to be

Spite of Miranda Rulii

untary.

and law enforcement officers pretrial identification lineup. | characteristics—we will atwill continue the present practice of giving the full warn-Court," he added.

action also under another the trial," Mitchell said. provision of the omnibus

considered as one aspect of crime bill that struck at the that the lineup was fair-for whether the confession is vol- Supreme Court decision that an example, where the suspect an accused is entitled to have was lined up with a number of "In general, federal lawyers his counsel present at a suspects of similar physical

specifies that the absence of identification on the grounds ings outlined by the Supreme counsel at a line up should not that it was based on an indeautomatically exclude Mitchell said he has taken identification of the suspect at on any inherently coercive

"Where we are convinced dures."

"The omnibus crime bill tempt to introduce the lineup the pendent recollection and not features of the lineup proce-