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Mitchell Got FBI Guard After Quitting

John N. Mitchell and his wife, Martha, were protected by FBI agents for at least two weeks after Mitchell resigned as Attorney General and became a private citizen.

Expenses for the two agents, though not their salaries, were picked up by the Committee for the re-election of the President.

A spokesman for the committee, DeVan Shumway, said expenses of \$243 were paid FBI agents Francis M. Mullen and Fred Woodworth, while they were with the Mitchells from March 1, when he resigned, to March 17.

Shumway said the expenses covered four trips, one by Mrs. Mitchell alone to Milwaukee, two to New York and another to Key Biscayne, Fla. One of the New York trips occurred while Mitchell was still Attorney General.

The expenses, \$107.71 for Mullen and \$135.35 for Woodworth, showed up in expenditures the re-election committee must report to the General Accounting Office under new federal election laws.

In a story today, The Los Angeles Times quoted Acting FBI Director L. Patrick Gray III as saying his predecessor, the late J. Edgar Hoover, had ordered the two agents assigned to Mitchell during the interim period when he resigned as Attorney General and took over as chief of the re-election committee April 9. Hoover died May 2.

The Times quoted Gray as saying FBI protection of private citizens was improper.