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Mrs. Mitchell at the organ in her Fifth Avenue apartment.

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leave some permanent mementos to Blair House as their predecessors had.

She ordered needlepoint designs made of the presidential, vice presidential and departmental seals, she said. The cost came to about \$70 apiece and when the bills went out, she said that First Lady Pat Nixon balked at the cost.

Mrs. Nixon was "horrible" about her status" being threatened, according to Mrs. Mitchell. "She treated the hell out of me. That's the way I wanted to get out of Washington. I didn't want to compete with anybody."

The way Mrs. Mitchell purloined the chronology of June 17, 1972—the day of the Watergate burglary—is not the way her husband or presidential assistant H. R. (Bud) Haldeman or the Senate Select Committee on Assassinations would have done it.

On July 10, 1974, Mitchell told me again that she was "abused" as the breaker on June 17 while secretary of the White House. Her husband had a "series of phone conversations" with...

Later, in an interview, 1974, told the committee that it was with the presidential party at 309 Breezyne Street...

"I am sure that some time during the weekend, somebody" told him about the burglary. When he found out, he recalled he did "nothing."

According to Mrs. Mitchell, her husband was asleep on the 17th in the New York City hotel, sharing a Virginia Day with her. At 7 a.m. (10 a.m. Washington time) she picked up the phone. She said she thought "who in the hell is calling at 7 o'clock?" when she picked up the receiver. She heard the operator say "The White House is calling. We have a message for Mr. Mitchell."

Though Mitchell took the call in the adjoining living room as her husband Mrs. Mitchell swore "in God's name that neither her husband nor any of the other members" from the committee for the investigation of the burglary were with them in the hotel that weekend. Even about the date she recalls that Haldeman first broke the news. And according to Mrs. Mitchell, the committee members in a "broadside" were "worded" and "the whole thing" was "a..."

According to the Haldeman memo to Mitchell, his name had been made public... Mitchell's removal records... Mitchell's removal records... Mitchell's removal records...

one says it is one of many things she knows and why John Mitchell and his former associates are "scared to death" of her.

She did not want to go to California that weekend, she says, because "they had been working me to death" that spring and she was tired. CNN had Vice President Agnew out for "a few speeches" and Bob Dole and Martha Mitchell, while the rest of them were home doing dirty tricks.

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