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ALMOST AS POPULAR AS SEX

Watergate and associated crimes have generated a wreckage of human lives unequalled in the annals of government scandals. The scandals have in turn stimulated a constantly increasing spate of books on the subject, ironically, not only by journalists and other professional writers--but by the characters involved in the Nixon Administration.

Martha Mitchell, estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, is writing a book on what happened to her and her marriage in Washington, D.C. James W. McCord Jr., the ex-security director of the Committee to Re-Elect the President and the one individual who blew the whistle on the Watergate crowd, has finished his detailed account. It should be published any day now.

John W. Dean, the former White House lawyer and the chief accuser of Presidential involvement in the scandal, is reportedly hard at work on a version of his own.

E. Howard Hunt Jr., the former CIA agent and incompetent bungler of the Watergate and Dr. Lewis Fielding robberies, is



**MARTHA MITCHELL:
ONE OF THE WATERGATE BOOK BRIGADE**

writing his memoirs for G. P. Putnam's Sons. Hunt, a veteran author of more than three dozen novels, has received a minimal advance of \$100,000 for his "plumber's" account.

Also in the offing are books by such Nixon Administration figures as ex-Vice President Spiro Agnew, ex-Attorney General Elliot Richardson, and ex-Deputy Campaign Director Jeb Stuart Magruder.

Eventually more books may be published on Watergate than any other subject in the 1970's with the possible exception of sex.

Already the U.S. Government Printing Office has produced 10 volumes on the Senate Watergate hearings. More than 10,000 copies of Volumes 1 and 2 have been sold to date. Not bad at \$3 a volume.