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### **Mrs. Mitchell Defers Comments on Hearing**

WASHINGTON, July 12 (UPI)—Mrs. John N. Mitchell, calling from somewhere in the South, said today that she would not comment on her husband's Watergate testimony "until it's all over" but stood by everything she had said previously about the scandal.

In a call to United Press International as her husband began his third day of questioning by the Senate Watergate committee, Mrs. Mitchell also denied telephoning the news service yesterday to back up his testimony.

"I want you to put out a denial," she said today. "I'm sick and tired of people picking up the phone and saying they are Martha Mitchell."

Mrs. Mitchell, in previous interviews, has called for President Nixon's resignation, saying of the Watergate bugging and cover-up, "If John knew about it, then Nixon knew about it."