

**Mrs. Mitchell Suggests
Press May Be Silenced**

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WASHINGTON, July 4 (Reuters) — Martha Mitchell suggested today that the American press might have to be suppressed if it continued to reveal Government secrets.

Mrs. Mitchell, the often outspoken wife of Attorney General John N. Mitchell, was referring to the secret Pentagon study of the Vietnam war, which the Supreme Court has ruled can be published.

"I resent, regret and abhor that the news media has taken upon itself to interfere with possible lines of communication with the Viet Cong," Mrs. Mitchell said in a telephone call to the Washington Star, which reported her comments today.

Mrs. Mitchell added that her remarks were not an assault on the freedom of the press. "I think the greatest thing going for this country is freedom of the press, and I don't want to see them destroy themselves."