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Martha's Fear On Watergate

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Martha Mitchell said yesterday that she thinks somebody is trying to make her husband, John, "the goat" for the Watergate scandal, and that she is not going to let it happen.

"I fear for my husband," the former attorney general's wife said.

"I'm really scared. I have a definite reason. I can't tell you why. But they're not going to pin anything on him. I won't let them, and I don't give a damn who gets hurt. I can name names."

Mrs. Mitchell telephoned the New York Times.

She seemed to have worked out exactly what she wanted to say. She said that she phoned because she was frightened. She would not say of whom.

"If you hear that I'm sick or can't talk, please, please, get your reporters out to find me," she said. "Somebody might try to shut me up."

She said that she now feels just as she did last June when she was thrown to the

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floor and stuck with a hypodermic needle in Newport Beach, Calif., during what had been a telephone conversation with a reporter. Mitchell had been in California for campaign activities.

That incident occurred the weekend before Mrs. Mitchell told a reporter that she had given her husband an ultimatum to resign as head of President Nixon's reelection campaign or lose her.

Mrs. Mitchell has accused Steve King, a security official, of throwing her to the floor, kicking her, and jerking the telephone cord from the wall.

King later was elevated to head of security for the Committee for Re-Election of the President after his boss, James W. McCord Jr., the former security chief, was arrested in the bugging attempt at Democratic national headquarters.

"King and Lea Jablonsky

called Herbert Kalmbach that day," Mrs. Mitchell said yesterday. "Kalmbach is the President's personal lawyer. Has anyone ever explained that?" Lea Jablonsky was then Mrs. Mitchell's secretary.

REPORT

It reportedly was Kalmbach who took Mrs. Mitchell to the hospital in Newport Beach a short time after the incident.

Mrs. Mitchell said that it was the first time she had named Kalmbach, President Nixon's lawyer and a Republican fund raiser, and that "he was very much involved." She also said that FBI agents were present at the time but would not identify them.

"McCord probably bugged our apartment," she said. "In fact, I'm sure of that. We were bugged in Rye, (N.Y.) for sure, and these men, not the FBI, came with their little gadgets and found them. That was some time in 1968."