

ABC News, 9 a.m.

[The lawyer for] Former Attorney General John Mitchell said today that his client has not been pointing the finger at White House aide H.R. Haldeman. Lawyer William Hundley was commenting on Mitchell's assertion that someone went over his head to approve the bugging. Hundley calls speculation that Mitchell's "someone" might be Haldeman "innuendos." More personally, Hundley was asked what effect Mitchell's connection with Watergate is having on him.

Hundley [voice]: Well, you know, it certainly hasn't done him any good, but you know, the next step as far as we're concerned, if they want us back before the grand jury obviously we'll appear. Our position is that we're stating the facts as candidly and truthfully as we possibly can. We just want to tell the truth, we don't want to point the finger at anybody else - or ourselves - we just feel that evaluation of the facts, you know, when everybody cools down a little bit will indicate that he certainly didn't commit any criminal violations.

[End of Hundley comment, as broadcast.]

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