

Mitchell Phoned SEC in Vesco Fraud Case

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While he was still U.S. attorney general, John N. Mitchell pointedly phoned then Securities and Exchange Commission chairman William J. Casey about reports that SEC investigators were "carrying on a vendetta" against financier Robert L. Vesco.

Casey told a House subcommittee yesterday of this and other contacts with Mitchell and former White House counsel John W. Dean III concerning the biggest fraud case the SEC has ever brought.

The investigation turned into a major Nixon administration scandal when Mitchell and Nixon's chief fundraiser, Maurice H. Stans, were indicted in May for perjury and obstruction of justice.

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