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Mitchell's Trial  
Won't Be Moved

New York

A federal judge yesterday denied a request by former Nixon administration cabinet officers John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans to transfer their obstruction of justice trial to Mississippi.

The decision by Judge Lee Gagliardi, who will preside at the trial in Manhattan Federal Court, cleared the

The defense had asked that the trial be transferred grounds that a study indicated the few cities in the country in which the defendants could get a fair trial.

The Watergate publicity, in which both defendants have been involved, made it possible, the defense said, for the defendants to get a fair trial in New York, or other major cities.

Mitchell, 60, former attorney general, and Stans, 65, former secretary of commerce, are accused of trying to block a major federal investigation of millionaire financier Robert L. Vesco in exchange for Vesco's secret \$200,000 contribution to the Committee to re-elect the President.