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FACE TRIAL TUESDAY

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A final pretrial conference
yesterday cleared the way for
former Attorney General John
N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H.
Stans to go on trial Tuesday in
Federal District Court here.

The two defendants are accused of conspiracy, obstruction
of justice and perjury for allegedly interfering with an investigation of Robert L. Vesco,
the fugitive financier, in return
for his secret \$200,000 cash
donatio nto President Nixon's
re-election campaign.

Judge Lee P. Gagliardi, who
denied defense motions to delay
the trial or move it out of New
York, said that he intended to
start the selection of jurors
Tuesday morning.

During the jury selection,
which could last several days,
the public will be excluded
from the courtroom and the
press will be represented by a
10-member pool because prospective jurors will occupy all
the other available seats.

The final conference between
the judge and the lawyers was
described as a "housekeeping
session" held in the judge's
chambers.