

Mitchell Meets Jurors

New York

John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans were introduced to prospective jurors yesterday at their federal trial on charges of obstructing justice in return for a \$200,000 secret contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

U.S. District Judge Lee Gagliardi directed the former attorney general and the one-time Commerce secretary to stand. He then identified them for the jury prospects. Both men faced

the jury box and nodded.

Mitchell, 60, and Stans, 65, are accused of conspiring to influence a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of big time financier Robert Vesco in return for the latter's under-the-table \$200,000 campaign contribution. Mitchell was Mr. Nixon's campaign director, and Stans was his chief fund raiser, both having retired from their Cabinet posts to work for the President's re-election.

Gagliardi read to prospective jurors the brief outline

of the indictment. It charges the two with one count of conspiracy, three counts of obstruction of justice and six counts each of perjury.

The second day of the trial saw the dismissal of the last of 72 prospective jurors who had said that being sequestered away from their families and jobs for the four to five weeks the trial is expected to consume would impose an undue hardship.

That left 86 persons still eligible for service in the first batch to be called.

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