

Sears Cleared of Charges In the Mitchell-Stans Case

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The Federal Government formally dropped yesterday its charges against Harry L. Sears, at one time a co-defendant and later a prosecution witness at the conspiracy trial last year of former Cabinet officers John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans, United Press International reported.

Mr. Sears, 54 years old, is a former Republican leader of the New Jersey Senate. He was accused of taking part in the alleged conspiracy to keep secret a \$200,000 contribution to Richard K. Nixon's 1968 election campaign.

Mr. Mitchell, the former Attorney General, and Mr. Stans, the former Commerce Secretary, were acquitted last April of the conspiracy and obstruction of justice charges after a jury trial.

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