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Mitchell's Gift to His Prosecutor

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Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell sent Watergate prosecutor James F. Neal an autographed copy of "All the President's Men," Neal disclosed yesterday.

Neal said the book was autographed by Mitchell and had the following inscription:

"To Jim Neal, one of the finest men I have ever known, who happened to be in the wrong job at the wrong place at the wrong time."

"All the President's Men" is an examination of the Watergate scandal written by Carl Bernstein and Robert Woodward, the two Washington Post newsmen who broke the story.

Neal was the chief prosecutor in the Watergate conspiracy trial of Mitchell and other top Nixon administration officials. Mitchell was convicted in January of cover-up charges in connection with the Watergate break-in.

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