Alioto Case Leak Denied By Mitchell Pow 914173 NEW YORK, July 3 (UPI)

NEW YORK, July 3 (UPI)—Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell gave a legal deposition Monday denying that he leaked confidential Justice Department files to two writers for Look magazine

The deposition was taken by Darryll Salamon, attorney for Rudolph Papale, the brother-in-law of San Francisco Mayor Joseph Alioto. Papale is suing two free-lance writers, Richard Carlson and Lance Brisson, and the now-defunct Look for libel.

The suit was filed after the writers published an article in the Sept. 23, 1969, issue, titled "The Mayor and the Mafia," which said Alioto and Papale were entangled "in a web of alliances with at least six leaders of the Cosa Nostra."

Salamon said he interrogated Mitchell to find out whether the then-Attorney General asked federal investigative agencies to disclose lists of a number of Mafia leaders for the authors' use in linking Alioto to organized crime.