

Mitchell: No Plan to Bug Vets

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PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP)—John N. Mitchell says he was not aware of any plans by employes of the Committee to Reelect the President to conduct electronic surveillance against the Vietnam Veterans Against the War.

"I have no recollection of any electronic surveillance relating to such people," the former U. S. attorney general and manager of the Nixon campaign testified yesterday in U. S. District court.

Mitchell's testimony came during a pretrial hearing for seven VVAW members and a supporter charged with conspiracy to disrupt the

1972 Republican National Convention with bombs and bullets.

Subpenaed by defense attorneys, Mitchell was on the witness stand for an hour, but he said little.

Arnow said he would allow questions only on a defense allegation that Mitchell knew about wiretaps against the VVAW.

U. S. Dist. Judge Winston

He overruled 30 questions with which the defense attempted to link the alleged VVAW spying—with the reelection committee and persons involved in the bugging and break-in at Democratic

national headquarters in Washington's Watergate complex last June.

Under questioning, Mitchell said the Nixon reelection committee had an intelligence unit commanded by convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy. But he denied knowledge of any efforts by the group to bug the VVAW.

Attorneys for eight defendants indicted by a federal grand jury in Gainesville, Fla., last year have contended, without providing details, that wiretaps initiated by agents of the Nixon reelection committee formed the basis for the government's case.