

# Martha Says They

## New York

Martha Mitchell has accused the Nixon administration of "half-crucifying me," and spreading rumors that she was insane.

In an often rambling, 78-page sworn deposition in the Democratic party's \$6.4 million civil suit against the Watergate conspirators released yesterday, Mrs. Mitchell said, "I had no access to paper or any type of material.

"I operate on woman's in-

tuition and perhaps my intuition has been the big thing that has gone alone with me so long that I realize that there were things that were not proper, that were going on, but I could not put my hand on them, in any way shape or form — I had no way to do it," she said.

The wife of former Attorney General John Mitchell testified under oath for over two hours Thursday before 12 attorneys.

She sat at the head of a long conference table Thursday clutching a worn, childhood Bible and said, "If I had any personal knowledge of the Watergate, gentlemen, I would have done something about it long ago."

She accused the White House of leaking false stories about her, suggesting she was in an insane asylum. She accused Pat Nixon of calling a news conference to announce that she was

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"very, very ill."

Mrs. Nixon's press secretary denied yesterday that "lies" and "rumors galore" about Mrs. Mitchell had been leaked by the White House or that Mrs. Nixon had ever said that Mrs. Mitchell was "very, very ill."

Mrs. Mitchell told attorneys for James McCord, convicted for bugging the Watergate national Democratic headquarters, she would not discuss "what I

have learned in husband-wife relationships."

"I have been at the mercy of the White House for four years, who (sic) have treated me abominably, half-crucified me, have sent lies out through the press, and, as you gentlemen know, and have started rumors galore about me . . . this isn't done to someone that isn't hurting someone," she said.

Asked if she was ever used as a courier to bring cash money from one of her

trips back to the Finance Committee to Re-Elect the President, she laughed, and answered, "I think I'd be tempted to keep it if I had."

At the end of her testimony, Mrs. Mitchell was asked if there was anything she might want to add, in case she had "made a slip of the tongue . . . that you might question?"

She answered: "I haven't made any slips of any tongues."

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