

# Mitchell Calls Watergate Break-in

Washington

John N. Mitchell said yesterday he still believes — as he did last September — that the Watergate break-in was “a ridiculous caper that

the news media have blown all out of proportion.”

Senator Joseph M. Montoya (Dem.-N.M.) read that quotation to Mitchell from a news story and asked him if

he agreed with that characterization.

“Yes, sir, I do,” Mitchell replied.

But he said he would not apply the “caper” label to

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## a 'Caper'

every event that grew out of the Watergate wiretapping or to other events, such as the break-in at the office of Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

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