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NEW YORK — Martha Mitchell says former President Nixon is "a little nuts."

She calls herself a woman jackass for believing what the Nixon Administration told her.

In a Parade Magazine interview the estranged wife of former attorney general John Mitchell said "Nixon is a dual personality and always was."

She based her opinion in part on transcripts of the presidential tapes and said, "I think Richard Nixon was a little nuts from the time he got into office."

Mrs. Mitchell called herself "a woman jackass because I was prepared to go to my grave swearing that Mitchell resigned on account of me and not because he was involved in the Watergafe mess.'

"You are talking to a jackass," Mrs. Mitchell told her inteviewer. "Did you ever see a woman jackass? Well I am one, because I truly believed what the Nixon Administration told me."

Mrs. Mitchell said she has not seen her husband for about a year.