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JOHN MITCHELL AND MARY GORE DEAN
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Lady Friend Boosts Mitchell's Morale

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Former Attorney General John Mitchell's morale is high these days, despite his legal problems, because of his renewed acquaintance with Mary Gore Dean, Newsweek magazine reports in its current issue.

"I'm more relaxed now than I have been in ten years," Mitchell, 61, was quoted as saying. For the last six months Mitchell and Mrs. Dean, a widow, have been frequent companions around Washington, Newsweek said.

"We're just very good friends," Mitchell said. "That's the exact truth," Mrs. Dean added. "We are very good friends."

Mrs. Dean owns the Fairfax Hotel in Washington and manages its Sea Catch and Jockey Club restaurants. Mitchell and Mrs. Dean first met in the 1950s when he did legal work for her late husband, former Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Gordon Dean, who died in a plane crash in 1958.

Mitchell is separated from his wife, Martha.

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