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Guidelines On Press Tightened

Decision By Mitchell

Washington - (UPI) - Attorney General John N. Mitchell has revised the Justice Department's guidelines by forbidding employes from discussing with the press most aspects of civil as well as criminal cases.

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Under the new rule, the ban on discussion with newsmen begins "from the time a person is the subject of a criminal investigation."

Previously, Justice Department personnel were forbidden from releasing information to the news media only after a person was arrested or indicted.

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Officials said the revisions were suggested to Mitchell by Judge Irving R. Kaufman of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New York City, who headed a judicial committee that adopted the guidelines.

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