

NIXON AIDE DENIES PLANS FOR '72 RACE

And Mitchell Says He Won't
Be a Political Tutor

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 12 — The White House denied today that it was preparing for a re-election campaign by President Nixon in 1972 and Attorney General John N. Mitchell said he did not intend to be a political tutor.

Ronald L. Ziegler, the White House press secretary, denied a report in The New York Times today that Murray M. Chotiner, a political aide to the President would soon begin "laying the groundwork" for the 1972 campaign.

Mr. Ziegler told reporters in San Clemente, Calif., at the Western White House, "There have been and are no plans under development for 1972."

White House officials said privately yesterday that Mr. Chotiner would leave the White House staff to organize a privately funded campaign group "under the tutelage" of the Attorney General.

Today Mr. Mitchell said in a statement, "My plans are to stay right here in the Department of Justice as long as the President wants me. This is a full-time job and I wouldn't have time for 'political tutoring' of my friend Murry Chotiner or anyone else, even if I had tutoring credentials."

Mr. Chotiner had confirmed that he was destined for a new assignment but declined to specify its nature. But associates of Mr. Nixon's veteran political aide reported that he would begin the preparations for the next Presidential campaign.

"No 1972 campaign organization is being set up," Mr. Ziegler said. "Any suggestion along that line is erroneous."

Mr. Chotiner, however, did not deny the reports. He said it was "much too early to talk about what one is going to do in 1972 — this is not the time to tell it."