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MARTHA AND JOHN MITCHELL
He resigned as attorney general

Martha Weeps As John Quits

Washington

Martha Mitchell said yesterday she is "very unhappy" that her husband has resigned as attorney general.

Between sobs, she said, "I think it is a very bad move."

"I feel comme ci, comme ca — which means I feel he was better in the Justice Department than he would be in the Citizens for Nixon," the wife of John N. Mitchell said shortly after disclosure that he was resigning to head President Nixon's re-election campaign.

"I feel Mr. Nixon doesn't need anyone. He will be re-elected on his own."

She said her husband broke the news to her Monday night. "He said the President needed him," but she added:

"I think it is a very bad move.

"The Justice Department needs him more. He has done more for the Justice Department than anybody else has done."

Mrs. Mitchell said she realized for a long time what her husband planned to do. She said she passed on her views to Mr. Nixon indirectly and got the same response as from her husband — that Mitchell was needed in the campaign.

"I'm very sad," she said. "I tried to talk him out of it because I don't think the President needs a campaign manager."

"It just breaks my heart," she sobbed. "It just breaks my heart."

She said that Mitchell is perhaps "the greatest attorney general the country ever had."

However, Mrs. Mitchell said she will help campaign with her husband, or on trips without him . . . "any way that they suggest."

"I will support the President 100 per cent," she said.

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