

Mitchell Relaxes in New Office Only 50 Paces From His Old

Ex-Nixon Aide Says Raid on Democrats Did Not Figure in His Decision to Resign

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Washington, July 7 - Mr. Mitchell insisted, in answer to a question, that the five-man raid on the headquarters of the Democratic National Committee June 17 had nothing to do with his wife's complaint that politics was a "dirty" business or his own decision to leave it.

"On the contrary," he said. "If my own investigation had turned up a link between this committee* or the White House and the raid, I would have been less inclined to leave. I would have wanted to stick around and clear it up."

He said that his own inquiries "have not produced much more than the private agencies or the newspapers have," and that he remains baffled by the motives behind the raid. But he said that he had satisfied himself that no one in authority in the Republican apparatus had anything to do with it.

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*[To Re-Elect the President]