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**John N. Mitchell, former director of the President's campaign, arriving to testify yesterday in Washington.**

## ***Mitchell Completes Break-in Testimony And Repeats Denial***

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 5 — John N. Mitchell, the former director of President Nixon's re-election campaign completed today his secret testimony in connection with the break-in at the Democratic national headquarters and later repeated denials that he had any advance knowledge of the incident.

Mr. Mitchell was first called for questioning last Friday by Edward Bennett Williams, the Democrats' lawyer, in a \$1-million invasion-of-privacy suit

arising from the capture of five men with bugging equipment and cameras in the Democrats' Watergate offices.

But the former Attorney General's testimony had been halted after a few minutes, on advice from his lawyer, Kenneth Parkinson, to await a motion to stay the pretrial depositions in the case.

However, Federal District Judge Charles R. Richey acted Saturday to block depositions from the five men arrested, all defendants in the suit, but allowed those by Mr. Mitchell and others to continue.

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Emerging from Mr. Williams' office after an hour and 50 minutes, Mr. Mitchell, who now serves as a consultant to the Committee to Re-elect President Nixon, said that his denial Friday of any advance information about the incident "is still my statement and happens to be the fact."

Henry B. Rothblatt, a New York lawyer who represents the five defendants and who was present at today's deposition, said later that it had been "a thorough interrogation—all the questions were answered."

Mr. Rothblatt, who last week filed the motion for a stay on the ground that publicity being generated by the depositions was harming his clients chances for an impartial trial, added that he was now preparing to make a request for "about 10" depositions of his own, including one from Lawrence F. O'Brien, former chairman of the Democratic National Committee.

Lawyers on Mr. Williams' staff, who have so far asked for 13 depositions, mostly from present and former White House and Republican party officials, indicated that they would also add more names. They said those names might include that of Robert C. Mardian, a former assistant Attorney General for internal security and now an official in Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign.