

A PLOT IS FEARED BY MRS. MITCHELL

She Sees an Effort to Link
Husband to Watergate

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Mrs. John N. Mitchell said on Tuesday that she thought somebody was trying to make her husband "the goat" for the Watergate scandal, and that she was not going to let that happen.

"I fear for my husband," the former Attorney General's wife said. "I'm really scared. I have a definite reason. I can't tell you why. But they're not going to pin anything on him. I won't let them, and I don't give a damn who gets hurt. I can name names."

Mrs. Mitchell telephoned The New York Times. She seemed to have worked out exactly what she wanted to say. She said that she phoned because she was frightened. She would not say of whom.

"If you hear that I'm sick or can't talk, please, please, get your reporters out to find me," she said. "Somebody might try to shut me up."

She said that she felt yesterday just as she did last June when she was thrown to the floor and stuck with a hypodermic needle in Newport Beach, Calif., during what had been a telephone conversation with a reporter. Mr. Mitchell was in California for campaign activities.

Ultimatum Is Recalled

That incident occurred the weekend before Mrs. Mitchell told a reporter that she had given her husband an ultimatum to resign as head of President Nixon's re-election campaign or lose her.

Mrs. Mitchell has accused Steve King, a security official, of throwing her to the floor, kicking her, and jerking the telephone cord from the wall.

Mr. King was later elevated to head of security for the Committee for the Re-election of the President after his boss, James W. McCord Jr., the former security chief, was arrested in the bugging attempt at Democratic National Headquarters.

"King and [Lea] Jablonsky called [Herbert] Kalmbach that day," Mrs. Mitchell said yesterday. "Kalmbach is the President's personal lawyer. Has anyone ever explained that?" Lea Jablonsky was then Mrs. Mitchell's secretary.

It was reportedly Mr. Kalmbach who took Mrs. Mitchell to the hospital in Newport Beach a short time after the incident.

Mrs. Mitchell said that it was the first time she had named Mr. Kalmbach, President Nixon's lawyer and a Republican fund raiser, and that "he was very much involved." She said, too, that F.B.I. agents were present at the time but would not identify them.

"McCord probably bugged our apartment," she said. "In fact, I'm sure of that. We were bugged in Rye for sure, and these men, not the F.B.I., came with their little gadgets and found them. That was some time in 1968."

Mr. King, who is now a special assistant to Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz, said he stood by his earlier comment about Mrs. Mitchell's allegations. "I have denied them, generally," he said. Efforts to reach Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Kalmbach were unsuccessful.

Mrs. Mitchell also called Helen Thomas, UPI, 31 Mar. See Washington Post 2 Apr.