

White House 'Is Lying,' Martha Mitchell Charges

Washington

Martha Mitchell said yesterday her husband, former Attorney General John Mitchell, conferred with President Nixon at the White House Saturday and that the White House denial that they met is a "God-blessed lie."

Mitchell came to the White House Saturday, but deputy press secretary Gerald L. Warren said Mitchell did not see the President. Warren said Mitchell talked with aides.

Mrs. Mitchell, however, said she received a telephone call from the White House, "and Mr. President wanted Mr. Mitchell down there."

She said there would be no reason for her husband to go to Washington otherwise.

She added that she sent the President a personal message "and he received it and sent me back a personal

message" through Mitchell when he returned from the White House.

"They're lying from the beginning to the end," Mrs. Mitchell told the Associated Press in a telephone call.

Mrs. Mitchell was asked why she thought the White House would deny a meeting between Mitchell and the President. She said "they're trying to get him and me as the two culprits."

Told that Mrs. Mitchell maintained that her husband had met with the President, Warren reiterated that "he (Mitchell) did not see the President" nor did he talk to Mr. Nixon by telephone.

She raised the question of why the White House had come out immediately in defense of H. R. Haldeman, the President's chief of staff, when he was mentioned in Watergate news stories. "What have they done for my husband? Not a damn thing," she said.

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She reiterated what she has said before: "They're trying to hang this on my husband," evidently referring to the Watergate affair, and said she was determined that her husband was not going to be "Sherman Adams No. 2."

This was a reference to the close aide to President Eisenhower, who lost his job in the administration in a scandal surrounding a gift of a vicuna coat.

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