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United States Attorney Whitney North Seymour Jr. said that the four were charged with conspiracy to defraud the United States and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stans, both former officials of the Nixon Administration, were further charged with committing perjury before the grand jury.

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Maximum Penalties
If convicted, each defendant faces a maximum possible sentence of five years imprisonment and a $10,000 fine on each count of conspiracy and perjury. The maximum penalty for obstruction of justice is five years imprisonment and a $5,000 fine on each count.

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