

Watergate Case Newsmen
Hailed by Justice Stewart

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WASHINGTON, May 9 (AP) — Associate Justice Potter Stewart of the Supreme Court credited Wednesday the "dedication and persistence" of two newspaper reporters in bringing to light aspects of the Watergate scandal.

Justice Stewart's remarks, apparently the first public reference to the scandal by a member of the Court, did not include specifics.

Instead, he raised the issue in telling members of the Yale Club of Washington that "really important" ideals and aspirations of past generations have been carried forward by the present generation.

After citing participation by young persons in the civil rights movement and in halting United States participation in the ground war in Indochina, Justice Stewart said; "And I remind you that it was two very young newspaper reporters whose dedication and persistence recently served to uncover serious wrongdoing in American political life."

He referred to Carl Bernstein, 29 years old, and Bob Woodward, 30, of The Washington Post.