

Those Painful Telephone Calls

By Maxine Cheshire

When former Attorney General John Mitchell and his wife called UPI reporter Helen Thomas last week, they talked an hour. Finally, Mitchell, whose name has recently been taken off the shingle of his New York law firm, interrupted to say: "Maybe I should have called collect. After all, I'm out of a job now."

President Nixon's daughters, who were supposed to attend the Spanish embassy party Friday night for Generalissimo Franco's daughter and her husband, will go instead to Key Biscayne. A White House spokesman said the Chief Executive "particularly" wanted his family with him over the long Memorial Day weekend. . . . This is the second time in recent weeks that Julie Nixon Eisenhower has changed her plans in favor of familial togetherness. She had two public appearances scheduled earlier this month. She canceled one and asked her husband to substitute for her at the other because her father requested that she accompany him to the Florida White House.

H. R. (Bob) Haldeman's briefcase, in which he carried key papers while running the White House staff, was supposed to be auctioned off last weekend to raise money for the National Cathedral School for Girls, where his 13-year-old daughter is a student. The case was expected to bring top dollar, despite the fact that his gold initials had been removed, along with labels on the inside partitions which include such designations

as "Current," "File," "Hot" and "Destroy." The briefcase was quietly withdrawn before the sale and returned to the Haldemans. A spokesman says that the president wanted to spare the Haldeman child "emotionally."

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