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**Mitchell and Stans Scheduled for Trial Sept. 11**

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Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell, charged by a Federal grand jury with conspiring to help Robert L. Vesco, a businessman who was in trouble with the Government, will stand trial here next September, Federal District Judge Lee P. Gagliardi ruled here yesterday.

Judge Gagliardi, meeting for a 20-minute conference with lawyers in Manhattan Federal Court, set a tentative date for the trial by jury of Sept. 11.

Also scheduled to stand trial with Mr. Mitchell are Maurice H. Stans, former Secretary of Commerce, who was chairman of the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, and Harry L. Sears, a former Republican majority leader of the New Jersey Senate.

Mr. Vesco was also scheduled to appear for trial but has fled to Costa Rica.

All four were indicted here May 10 for conspiracy to defraud the United States and obstruct justice.

**Trial Delay Hinted**

Judge Gagliardi said that because he anticipated a "reasonably lengthy trial" he would "not countenance any last-minute delays."

Nevertheless, lawyers already appeared to be raising issues that may push the case further into the future.

Plato Cacheris, one of Mr. Mitchell's Washington attorneys, called attention to the televised Watergate hearings and said, "We certainly would not want to try this case in the atmosphere of a Congressional hearing on television." Walter J. Bonner, lead counsel for Mr. Stans, sought an

October date for the trial to accommodate other client cases but Judge Gagliardi refused to be swayed.

In a separate development, Judge Lawrence A. Whipple directed Mr. Vesco to appear in Federal District Court in Newark or forfeit his rights in a \$10-million libel suit he filed against former associates. He was given 45 days to appear. Mr. Vesco had sued Morton

I. Schiowitz, former financial editor of Investors Overseas Services, and Rubenstein & Wolfson, a New York public relations firm, on charges that they maintained he had engaged in the "deliberate looting" of I.O.S.

Last November the Securities and Exchange Commission, charged Mr. Vesco with participating in the looting of the company of \$224-million.