

A Report of Testimony Conflicting With Stans'

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The Senate select Watergate committee possesses sworn closed-door testimony that Maurice H. Stans was fully briefed on the Watergate affair by Nixon re-election campaign director John N. Mitchell on June 24, a week after the break-in, according to reliable sources.

This account conflicts with public testimony during the past two days by Stans, the Nixon campaign's chief fund-raiser, that his knowledge of the Watergate bugging was derived primarily from news accounts.

Stans also told the senators repeatedly yesterday that he had no record or recollection of a meeting with Mitchell on June 24, and that he could not specifically recall discussing Watergate at a luncheon with Mitchell on June 23.

However, former deputy Nixon campaign director Jeb Stuart Magruder told the Senate committee's staff, under oath behind closed doors on Tuesday, that Mitchell had told Stans "all the facts" about the Watergate affair in Magruder's presence during a June 24 meeting, according to a source reading from a written summary of the

staff interview with Magruder.

Magruder is scheduled to testify before the Senate committee today, placing his word against Stans' on the subject of the June 24 meeting.

Other witnesses already have testified that Magruder committed perjury at the trial of the Watergate conspirators in January 1973.

Magruder's sworn statement to the Senate committee's staff on Tuesday was known to the senators yesterday when several of them questioned Stans about whether he had discussed the Watergate affair with anyone at any time, and specifically with Mitchell on June 24.

Each time Stans insisted he had not discussed Watergate and that he had no recollection of a meeting with Mitchell on June 24.

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