

Martha says Mitchell is Being Honest

Washington

Martha Mitchell said she was phoning from Washington, "where I'm staying with my husband," said early yesterday that former Attorney General John N. Mitchell is being completely honest with Senate Watergate investigators.

"I want you to know that my husband is absolutely correct in all of his testimony," she said.

"He is completely honest. I'm standing completely beside him because I know he's telling the truth."

Mrs. Mitchell broke her silence in a pre-dawn telephone call to the Washington Bureau of United Press International. She said only that she was calling from "Washington, D.C., where I'm staying with my husband."

Mrs. Mitchell has not accompanied her husband in his two days of testimony before the Senate committee, as have the wives of other key witnesses, and Mitchell has playfully refused to say where his usually talkative wife is staying.

Before resuming his testi-

mony yesterday, Mitchell said he spoke to his wife by telephone several times Tuesday.

Asked if he had seen his wife Tuesday night, he replied, "In my dreams, yes."

Mitchell said Martha didn't think his testimony was "good enough" to warrant a repeat appearance.

Mitchell resigned as President Nixon's campaign director July 1, 1972, after his wife issued a public ultimatum that he must quit politics or she would leave him.

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