

# Dash Would Like To Talk to Martha

## Washington

Samuel Dash, chief counsel for the Senate Watergate committee, said last night that the committee staff will hold a "discreet" interview with Martha Mitchell about her recent statements regarding a "campaign strategy book" that may have described Watergate-style operations.

Dash said Mrs. Mitchell's description of the book in newspaper accounts last weekend "was the only time we ever heard of it."

"The committee does have a responsibility to follow up leads," he said. "We follow up lots of leads, and we plan to do the same here."

Mrs. Mitchell, whose husband was attorney general and head of the Nixon re-election campaign, had made statements that indicated her desire to appear

before the Senate Watergate committee.

However, Dash said last night, "We had access to her deposition in the civil case brought by the Democratic party, and it did not contain any new information."

Mrs. Mitchell's most recent statement did offer the possibility of new information, Dash said, "and our staff would be negligent if it didn't try to hold a discreet meeting" with her to pursue it.

No arrangements for such a meeting have yet been made, Dash said.

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