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Panel Named to Assess

Delay of Mitchell Trial

NEW YORK, Sept. 6 (AP)—
A three-judge federal appeals panel was named today to hear arguments that could delay the obstruction-of-justice and perjury trial of former Attorney General John Mitchell and Former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans.

The trial is scheduled to begin in U.S. District Court here Tuesday. *U SEP*

Defense attorneys for the two former high officials in the Nixon administration went to the U.S. Court of Appeals Wednesday seeking a postponement of the trial, possibly for a month.

The attorneys insisted they needed more time to prepare their case.

The three judges named to the panel include two former chief judges of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, Henry Friendly and J. Edward Lumbard, now retired senior judges, and Wilfred Feinberg, now sitting on the appeals court.

Mitchell and Stans were indicted four months ago on charges that they conspired to obstruct a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Robert L. Vesco, a New Jersey financier, in return for Vesco's \$200,000 donation to President Nixon's 1972 re-election campaign.