

Mitchell Seeking White House Data

New York

Lawyers for former Attorney General John N. Mitchell are seeking any White House tapes or records pertaining to a secret \$200,000 presidential campaign contribution by fugitive financier Robert Vesco.

A federal court transcript made public yesterday said a defense subpoena calls for all books, records, telephone toll lists, tape recordings and other data for the period from Nov. 1, 1971, to last Jan. 31. During the day, the government replied with a motion to quash the subpoena.

Specifically, the defense asked for material relating "directly or indirectly to any meetings or conversations between any member of the White House staff, employee or President, Nixon . . ."

The White House currently is resisting efforts of Watergate investigators to subpoena tape recordings.

Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans were to have gone on trial in U.S. District Court here Tuesday, but won indefinite delays so they could further prepare their defense.

They are accused of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury in connection with Vesco's \$200,000 Nixon re-election campaign contribution at a time when the financier was under investigation by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Vesco, indicted with Mitchell and Stans, left the country and has resisted extradition. His contribution was later returned.

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