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**COUNSEL REPORTS**  
**MOVE BY MITCHELL**

**Says Ex-Attorney General  
 Worked at Hotel on Case**

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Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell moved into the Essex House Hotel on Central Park South for a few days last week, according to his attorney, Peter E. Fleming, Jr. Mr. Fleming said the move had been made so that Mr. Mitchell could help prepare the defense in his upcoming trial. According to Newsweek magazine, Mr. Mitchell's move to a hotel was made because of problems the former Attorney General was having with his wife.

Mr. Mitchell and the former Secretary of Commerce, Maurice H. Stans, are under Federal indictment here on charges that they obstructed a major fraud investigation of Robert L. Vesco, a fugitive financier, in exchange for a secret \$200,000 cash contribution to President Nixon's 1972 campaign.

A source close to Mr. Stans said that although lawyers defending both Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stans had stayed in Essex House along with Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Stans did not.

**Getting Calls**

The hotel switchboard operator said that she had been getting calls for Mr. Mitchell

but that he was not registered at the hotel yesterday. The switchboard operator would not confirm that Mr. Mitchell stayed then last week.

Newsweek's Sept. 24 issue quoted unnamed friends of the Mitchells as saying that Mr. Mitchell had tried to have his wife, Martha, hospitalized twice in the last six weeks and had invited a psychiatrist to move into the Mitchell's Fifth Avenue apartment for one week to attend Mrs. Mitchell.

Helen Thomas, a White House reporter for United Press International, said yesterday that she had been unable to reach Mrs. Mitchell by telephone because all the numbers she had formerly used to reach her had been disconnected.

Miss Thomas, who has frequently been the recipient of Mrs. Mitchell's late-night phone calls, said she spoke with her last week and the "she sounded very low" but had not disclosed any separation from her husband.

"She said that she wanted the trial to go forward," Miss Thomas recalled.

Last Tuesday the trial of Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Stans was postponed.

Mr. Fleming said he last spoke with Mr. Mitchell on Friday, and did not know where he was yesterday.

He contended that he knew nothing about Mr. Mitchell's domestic problems, saying of the Newsweek article, "If it's true, it's a very sad thing."