

Martha Says Mitchell Left Her

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Martha Mitchell said last night that her husband, President Nixon's former Attorney General and campaign director, has left her.

In a telephone call to United Press International, Mrs. Mitchell said Mr. Nixon's for-

mer close adviser, John N. Mitchell, now under indictment in New York and subject to investigation by the Watergate grand jury in Washington, left their New York apartment on advice of his lawyers.

"He walked out, yes," she said. "But I've been trying to get him out. If you've got a man 24 hours a day (sic). I couldn't stand it. He was watching the football games.

"I'm so glad he's out of here. Anyone who sits here and never goes out, and never accepts invitations."

She added: "I guess I'll have to see my lawyer."

She said Mitchell seldom went out of their apartment "because I guess he has been so distraught."

She said that published reports that her husband was trying to get her to undergo psychiatric care was "a god-damned lie."

"I never had a fight with him," she said.

Mrs. Mitchell did not say when her husband had left their apartment, in a fashionable section of 5th Avenue. "I was sleeping at the time," she said.

[This week's issue of Newsweek magazine reports that Mitchell has told friends that his wife "is a sick woman" but he cannot bring himself to take the necessary legal steps to have her committed.

[Newsweek also said that during the past six weeks Mitchell has twice tried unsuccessfully to have his wife hospitalized, and did have a psychiatrist and his wife move into the Mitchell's apartment to give Martha constant care.