

Mrs. Mitchell Laments Fate, Misses Mate

NEW YORK, Sept. 22 (AP)—Martha Mitchell says she wants her husband back.

The wife of John N. Mitchell, the indicted former Attorney General, said in a television interview that she feels "abandoned" and "mentally tortured."

"Well, I guess he's mad at me for throwing his clothes out for one thing," Mrs. Mitchell told Claire Crawford of NBC News in an interview taped here Friday for broadcast Sunday night.

"And then I think he just, he thinks that I'm just overly wrought and that I should have, have some kind of care," she said in her spacious Fifth Avenue apartment.

Mrs. Mitchell said the clothing incident involved throwing a "few ties and a few shirts" into a foyer because "I got mad like any woman does" after no one bothered to inform her about a postponement of her husband's trial.

Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans are under indictment on perjury, obstruction and conspiracy charges in connection with a secret \$200,000 contribution to President Nixon's re-election campaign by fugitive financier Robert L. Vesco.

The former Attorney General reportedly left his apartment two weeks ago.

Asked, "Would you like him to come back?" Mrs. Mitchell said: "Of course, of course."

"The suggestion of divorce has only been through the media," Mrs. Mitchell said, complaining that "Somebody mimics my voice all the time."

Asked why she granted the interview, she responded:

"Well, the reason I agreed was because of these, these nasty horrible stories that these lawyers have put out against me and, number two, that my mail has now begun to say they're sorry I'm in the hospital, to please take care of myself . . .