

A Probe Of Martha's Inn Story

Washington

Senate Watergate Committee investigators are looking into the June 1972 records of the Newporter Inn at Newport Beach, Calif., where Martha Mitchell has claimed she was held a "political prisoner," it was learned yesterday.

"They're really zeroing in," a reliable committee source said.

The investigators have been scouring the registry and billing accounts and have been interviewing the staff of the fashionable motel, where a set of VIP villas have been maintained for administration officials.

Mrs. Mitchell and her husband, John, Mr. Nixon's former attorney general and campaign manager, were guests at the Newporter on June 17, 1972, when the break-in occurred at the Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex in Washington.

Mitchell flew back to Washington a day or so later, leaving his wife with their daughter, Marty, 12; his secretary, Lee Jablonski, and a bodyguard, Steve King.

Mrs. Mitchell claimed that during the week that followed, she was "manhandled" she told reporters, "They stuck a needle in my behind."