

MITCHELL AND STANS

FACE TRIAL TUESDAY

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A final pretrial conference yesterday cleared the way for former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and former Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans to go on trial Tuesday in Federal District Court here.

The two defendants are accused of conspiracy, obstruction of justice and perjury for allegedly interfering with an investigation of Robert L. Vesco, the fugitive financier, in return for his secret \$200,000 cash donation to President Nixon's re-election campaign.

Judge Lee P. Gagliardi, who denied defense motions to delay the trial or move it out of New York, said that he intended to start the selection of jurors Tuesday morning.

During the jury selection, which could last several days, the public will be excluded from the courtroom and the press will be represented by a 10-member pool because prospective jurors will occupy all the other available seats.

The final conference between the judge and the lawyers was described as a "housekeeping session" held in the judge's chambers.