

Jury Selection Continues for Mitchell, Stans

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NEW YORK, Feb. 20—The names of President Nixon's two brothers and nephew were among those of 69 persons or firms read today to potential jurors here in the criminal trial of former Cabinet members John N. Mitchell and Maurice H. Stans.

U.S. District Court Judge Lee P. Gagliardi asked the possible jurors if any of them knew or have relatives or friends who have dealt with the persons or firms.

The 69 will be involved to one degree or another in the case here in which Mitchell and Stans are accused of interfering in an investigation of financier Robert L. Vesco

by the Securities and Exchange Commission in return for a secret cash payment of \$200,000 to the President's re-election campaign.

Mitchell, former Attorney-General, and Stans, former Secretary of Commerce, are charged with obstruction of justice, conspiracy and perjury.

Judge Gagliardi is taking special pains assembling the jury. Most of today—the second day of proceedings—was taken up with his detailed private questioning of possible jurors.

[The Associated Press reported that by the end of the day half a dozen persons had been qualified to serve on the jury. However, any or all of them are subject to peremptory challenges when that stage in the jury selection is reached, probably some days hence.]

Among the persons involved in the case, about whom Judge Gagliardi questioned the jurors in open court, are F. Donald Nixon, older brother of the President; Edward Nixon, younger brother of the President, and Donald Nixon, son of F. Donald Nixon and executive assistant to Vesco.

Others include John D. Ehrlichman, former top assistant to the President; Hugh Sloan and Daniel Hofgren, both officials in the Committee for the

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Maurice Stans, center, former Nixon fund-raiser, arrives at New York federal court.

Re-election of the President; James Roosevelt, son of the late President, who was a director of a Vesco firm; William Casey and G. Bradford Cook, both former chairmen of the SEC, and John W. Dean III, former White House counsel who is expected to be a key witness.

Judge Gagliardi did not indicate how many of these men are expected to be witnesses

once the testimony gets under way.

At one point today, Gagliardi had each defendant and each lawyer in the case stand to

face the potential jurors for identification purposes.

The jury selection process is expected to continue the rest of this week.