

John Dean Was 'A Sweet Boy'

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Martha Mitchell says social life in Washington during the Nixon years has been "deadly dull."

Writing in the current issue of McCall's magazine, she said she had anticipated a lively scene because of what she described as "brilliant entertainment" in Washington during the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Mrs. Mitchell also provided these thumbnail sketches of some of the headline-makers in the Nixon government:

President and Mrs. Nixon: "Rather proper, formal people."

William P. Rogers, former secretary of state: "My first choice of a man-to-dine-by . . . intelligent, amusing and always good company."

Melvin R. Laird, former secretary of defense and recently-resigned White House adviser: "One of the best dancers in Washington" and the White House's "last stylish member."

Sen. Charles R. Percy (Rep-III.): "A splendid dinner partner."

John N. Dean III, former White House aide and principal Watergate accuser of Nixon and her estranged husband, former Atty. General John N. Mitchell: "A sweet boy."

H.R. Haldeman, another resigned White House aide: "I wouldn't describe him as fun . . . but he could be quite pleasant."

John D. Ehrlichman, former White House aide: "Totally humorless and only interested in talking politics."

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