

Mitchell

Jury Selection Is Continuing

New York

Preliminary jury selection moved toward the halfway point yesterday at the federal conspiracy trial of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell and onetime Commerce Secretary Maurice H. Stans.

In the fourth day of trial, U.S. District Court Judge Lee P. Gagliardi had qualified 19 persons of the 52 he needs to insure a prospective jury panel.

Stans, 65, and Mitchell, 60, are accused of a deal with financier Robert Vesco, said to involve a secret \$200,000 contribution by Vesco to President Nixon's 1972 reelection campaign. In return, the indictment charged, the two former Cabinet officers sought to sidetrack a Securities and Exchange Commission investigation of Vesco's corporate empire.

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