

Mitchell-Stans Trial Adjourned for 4 Days

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NEW YORK, March 21 The trial of John N. Mitchell and Maurice Stans was adjourned for four days because of a juror's illness.

The adjournment was announced as John W. Dean II, the former White House counsel, was to make his first court appearance as a witness against former Nixon administration officials.

U. S. District Court Judge Lee P. Gagliardi said he was awakened at 2:15 this morning by a U.S. marshal who requested that Violet Humbert, an elderly juror who is the superintendent of a Bronx apartment house, be taken to a hospital.

Mrs. Humbert was feeling bad Wednesday and looked pale throughout the afternoon session at which William J. Casey, former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, testified.

Rather than having Mrs. Humbert replaced by one of the six alternate jurors, lawyers in the case agreed to wait and see if she recovers sufficiently to return. She has been noticeably attentive to one of Mitchell's attorneys, Peter E. Fleming Jr.

After the jurors had been sent back to their motel under the sequestration order, Fleming and Stans' principal lawyers, Walter J. Bonner, insisted that they had not been given White House tapes they should have before Dean testifies.

Bonner also is arguing that attorney-client privilege should apply to Dean's relationship to the Finance Committee to Re-elect the President, which Stans headed after he resigned as Secretary of Commerce.

Mitchell headed the over-all Nixon re-election committee for several months after re-

signing as Attorney General.

The two are charged with conspiracy, obstruction of justice and lying to a grand jury in connection with the SEC's investigation of financier Robert L. Vesco. The government charges that they intervened in the investigation in return for a secret \$200,000 cash campaign contribution from Vesco.

Judge Gagliardi said he had reviewed all of the White House tapes relating to Dean's involvement with this case, and planned to review them again this weekend. He said he would not let the defense attorneys have them unless Dean's testimony here indicates the conversations are relevant.

One portion of a conversation Dean had with the President, on Feb. 28, 1972, was given to the defense lawyers in transcript form.

This conversation reportedly relates to the President's having asked Dean how much involvement his brother Edward had with Vesco, question prompted by the President's seeing a picture of Edward Nixon juxtaposed with a picture of Vesco in that day's edition of The Washington Post.