

Mitchell Testimony

Washington

Former Attorney General John N. Mitchell indicated to the House impeachment inquiry yesterday that the approval for an alleged \$75,000 hush money payment to Watergate conspirator E. Howard Hunt was not relayed to him from President Nixon, a member said.

Representative Delbert L. Latta (Rep-Ohio) said Mitchell testified that when he advised that the money be paid March 21, 1973, he had not been told that the question of whether to pay it had been discussed by President Nixon and top aides at a meeting that same day.

Former White House chief of staff H. R. Haldeman had left the meeting with Mr. Nixon and talked to Mitchell on the telephone half an hour later, but Latta said Mitchell testified that "Haldeman did not mention payments" during that call.

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