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Martha Mitchell said yesterday she is bitter about President Ford's pardon of former President Nixon. She said she believes the whole thing was prearranged before Mr. Nixon left office.

"I knew Nixon had something up his sleeve when he left the White House," Mrs. Mitchell declared. "Nixon's just as guilty and responsible as anybody else, and it's a horrible, horrible thing." The estranged wife of former Attorney General John Mitchell said she is sure a deal was arranged before Mr. Nixon resigned. Otherwise, she declared, "Mr. Ford wouldn't be in the White House — and I don't care if Jerry ever speaks to me again."

Referring to others involved in the Watergate burglary and coverup, Mrs.

Mitchell said, "I don't believe in pardoning one person and not pardoning everybody else — especially when they're the ones that did the dirty work for him (Mr. Nixon)."

Mrs. Mitchell's husband, John, is one of the defendants in an upcoming trial in connection with the Watergate coverup.

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