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Martha Mitchell Sees Deal Made by Ford and Nixon

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HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Sept. 8 (AP)—Martha Mitchell said Sunday that she was bitter about President Ford's pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon and believed the whole thing had been 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."

Mrs. Mitchell was interviewed separately by television station KATV and radio station KARN, both of Little Rock.

The estranged wife of former Attorney General John N. Mitchell said she was sure a deal had been 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."