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Tass Tells of Decision Without a Comment

MOSCOW, Jan. 2 (AP)—
Tass reported the Watergate
convictions today without
comment.

In a dispatch from Wash-
ington, the official Soviet
press agency said:

"The District of Columbia
Federal District Court, follow-
ing a protracted investiga-
tion, passed a verdict in the
case of a group of former
high-ranking officials of the
United States Administra-
tion. Among them were for-
mer Attorney General Mitchell
and his deputy Mardian, and
assistants of the former
President, Haldeman and
Erichman. They were found
guilty of conspiracy to ob-
struct justice and to obstruct
investigation of the so-called
Watergate case."

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