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Carswell Critics Accused of Lying

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Deputy Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst charged yesterday that opponents of the nomination of Judge G. Harrold Carswell to the Supreme Court were guilty of misleading and deliberately false statements.

Kleindienst said he thought the "prime movers" in the opposition to Carswell were politically motivated.

Kleindienst, appearing on the ABC program "Issues and Answers," mentioned these examples of what he called "false statements" against Carswell:

- A Baltimore Sun story quoting Clarence Mitchell of the NAACP as having said that Attorney General John Mitchell deliberately deceived the President by deleting mention of a 1948 anti-Negro speech by Carswell from an FBI report.

- A statement in a United Auto Workers union publication that Dean Louis H. Pollak of Yale Law School opposed Carswell even though he had supported Clement Haynsworth, whose nomination was rejected by the Senate.

- A report by the Ripon Society, a group of liberal Republicans, that Carswell had been reversed 54 per cent of the time, which was later revised to 40 per cent.

- An item by columnists Tom Braden and Frank Mankiewicz saying that the American Bar Association was overwhelmingly against Carswell, whereas the ABA's judiciary committee unanimously supported him.

In Tallahassee, Fla., meanwhile, 79 lawyers who have practiced before Carswell sent

a letter to every senator and expressed support for him.

The letter said, "A lawyer who practices before a judge for any period of time sees that judge in every conceivable light. From a case calling for the utmost logical acumen to the case calling for human understanding and compassion, a lawyer gets to know the judge as perhaps no other human being can. He is, in this sense, in the best and fairest position to judge the bench."

"As Tallahassee lawyers who have practiced before Judge G. Harrold Carswell, we know him to be eminently qualified, eminently fair, and truly great credit to the federal bench and to American jurisprudence. We recommend him wholeheartedly to the body of the senate, trusting that in its experience and mature judgment, it will confirm him to the highest court."