

Kelley Is Firm *Post 12-3-76* About Decision Not to Resign

FBI Director Clarence M. Kelley said yesterday he does not intend to resign despite indications that President-elect Jimmy Carter wants to name his own FBI chief.

"I have said many times I am not going to resign," Kelley told a reporter. He said he hadn't changed his mind.

Asked whether he would resign if Carter asks him to do so, Kelley replied: "When that comes up, I'll address it then."

Campaigning in Connecticut in September, Carter said he would have fired Kelley if he had been President and known the facts behind allegations against the FBI director at the time. But Carter stopped short of saying he would fire Kelley as President.

"I will cross that bridge if I come to it," Carter said.

But he added: "The director of the FBI should be purer than Caesar's wife . . . He shouldn't have federal funds being given to decorate his house." Carter said he would insist as President that all top-level employees such as Kelley adhere to the strictest standards of conduct.

When he first became director of the FBI, Kelley had drapery valances built in his living room by bureau employees. Kelley said the work was done without his knowledge. He reimbursed the government \$355 for labor and materials.

President Ford rejected a recommendation that he fire Kelley for the incident and for accepting gifts worth up to \$105 on special occasions from FBI executives.

Kelley said yesterday he has not talked with Carter or any of Carter's staff about his job. "I have not been contacted by the new administration so far as a discussion of my tenure," he said.

Asked whether he would like to arrange a meeting with Carter, Kelley said: "The matter of a meeting is up to him."

Kelley talked with the reporter shortly after speaking to the International Personnel Management Association here.