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For the Record . . .

The Attorney General on The Old (TV) Frontier

• Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst in an interview with Washington Post staff writer Sanford J. Ungar, published in The Post on August 29:

Kleindienst acknowledged disappointment . . . over the fact that serious crimes had continued to increase at an annual rate of 11 per cent last year. He blamed that statistic, in part, on "the impact of television on society. There are too many violent programs."

• From a Department of Justice press release of September 7:

Actor James Arness, the Marshal Dillon of the television series "Gunsmoke," will be honored September 11 at the annual conference of U.S. Marshals, Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst announced today.

Mr. Arness will receive a special citation from Wayne B. Colburn, director of the United States Marshals Service, for his "realistic portrayal of a Federal marshal on our western frontier."

The presentation will be made at 10 a.m. during the opening session of the five-day conference in the Marriott Theater of the Crystal City Marriott Hotel, Arlington, Virginia.

Mr. Colburn noted that the "Gunsmoke" series, which began more than 18 years ago, "continues to convey the importance of law and order within the fabric of our American society."

Mr. Arness will make a brief acceptance speech. He will be accompanied by John Mantley, executive producer of "Gunsmoke."

Mr. Kleindienst, who will assist in the presentation, will also address the conference.