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Ford Again Asks Approval Of Silbert as U.S. Attorney

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President Ford asked the Senate yesterday for the third time to confirm the nomination of Earl J. Silbert as U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia.

Silbert, who has been serving in the job at the behest of the U.S. District Court judges for almost two years, ran afoul of some senators for his handling of the initial Watergate investigation.

Opposition to Silbert's nomination has been led by Sen. John Tunney (D.-Calif.) on the Senate Judiciary Committee. The nomination has been before that committee for more than 18 months and was returned to the White House last month after Congress broke for its summer recess.

Mr. Ford voiced support of Silbert last month during an Air Force 1 press conference over Europe and said he planned to resubmit his nomination.