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Nixon Names a Texas Oilman

The New Deputy

Washington

President Nixon yesterday named William P. Clements Jr., a Texas oilman, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, the number two man in the Pentagon.

The White House also indicated that a diplomatic post — possibly ambassador to Great Britain or France — is in store for Chicago insurance executive W. Clement Stone, who contributed more than \$1 million to Mr. Nixon's re-election campaign.

Clements, 55, and chairman of the board of Sedco Inc. of Dallas, had long been reported in line for the post now held by Kenneth Rush, who is moving over to the State Department as deputy secretary.

DRILLING

Although he has no previous government experience, White House press secretary Ronald Ziegler said Clements' "strong management and executive talents as well as wide knowledge of defense and national security matters will make him a



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WILLIAM CLEMENTS
He filed hard-line report

valuable member" of the Defense Department team.

A graduate of Southern Methodist University and chairman of the school's board of governors, Clements formed Sedco, then known as Southeastern Drilling Co., in 1947.

Congress passed a law earlier this year creating another deputy defense secretary but officials said

Clements would be the principal deputy and Number Two man to Elliot L. Richardson, whom Mr. Nixon has picked to replace Melvin R. Laird as Defense secretary. The other post has not yet been filled.

In its action, Congress was following the recommendation of a special 14-member commission set up in 1970 by Mr. Nixon to examine management of the Defense Department. Clements served on that panel.

REPORT

Six months later, he joined six other members in filing a supplementary report which called for a hard-line U.S. defense policy, concluding that the United States was on its way to becoming "a second-rate power incapable of assuring the future security and freedom of its people."

Clements, who also served as chairman of the Nixon re-election campaign organization in Texas this year, owns about one-fifth of Sedco's stock, worth slightly more than \$100 million at its current selling price.

Stone, who met with Mr. Nixon for more than a half

at the Pentagon

hour yesterday, is acting chairman of the National Center for Voluntary Action, a group which encourages voluntary civic activity.

POSTS

Generous campaign contributors are frequently rewarded by being named to ambassadorial posts and Ziegler, asked about such a

position for Stone, said he had no immediate announcement to make. But he observed that the self-made millionaire, who has written several books about achieving success through a positive mental attitude, "would be highly qualified for such a post."

Walter Annenberg, the

Philadelphia publisher who has served as ambassador to the Court of St. James in London for the past four years, reportedly is leaving and Arthur K. Watson, another big GOP contributor, recently resigned as Ambassador to France for health reasons.

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