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Nixon Reorganization

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Partly for physical reasons (he lacks stamina) and partly for psychological reasons (he detests arguments and is loath to deliver criticism personally), Richard Nixon has a life-long habit of isolation. Unlike his five immediate predecessors, he is a loner, a man who draws no sustenance from contact with a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

After more than a quarter-century of public life, his ability or desire to change his style of life is questionable.

A salient example is Mr. Nixon's choice of men to plug the holes left in his staff and Cabinet by the Watergate case. Another man might have concluded that the old system had failed him and that new sorts of aides were needed; another man might have concluded that the introduction of outsiders into the inner circle of the Administration would provide a useful symbol of reassurance to the public that things are changing.

But not Mr. Nixon, who is pictured by those who know him best as extremely nervous about "untested" advisers.

If he has sought new blood, he has not been able to find it. Instead, he has played a high-level game of musical chairs, shifting men from one job to another as vacancies developed through resignations.

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