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DELAWARE, Ohio, May 24 (UPI)—Former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst Wednesday challenged the credibility of testimony by former CIA agent and Watergate conspirator James McCord to link President Nixon to the affair.

"If all you had was McCord you would not have one more conviction," said Kleindienst at a news con-

ference prior to addressing the student body at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Kleindienst was asked why President Nixon formed a special investigative unit to try and find administrative leaks rather than ask the Justice Department for help.

"I don't know," he said.

Kleindienst, who was replaced Wednesday as Attor-

ney General when Elliot L. Richardson's appointment to the post was approved by the Senate, said Mr. Nixon told him he had no prior knowledge of the Watergate affair.

"I have no evidence to contradict this statement and until I do I will continue to believe what he has said," Kleindienst said.

Kleindienst, who has two children at Ohio Wesleyan, said there would be some "great triumphs coming out of" the investigation into the Watergate affair.

"One of the great accolades will be that the American justice system works with the great and powerful as well as with the humble and needy," he said.