

From column by Evans and Novak on appointment of  
Melvin Laird as President's domestic counsellor:

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Meanwhile, little that the White House was doing pleased Laird. He strongly disapproved of musical chair Cabinet shifts as meaningless cosmetics. He wanted Mr. Nixon to take the initiative in naming a Democrat as independent Watergate prosecutor. .... He was appalled by inaccuracies in Mr. Nixon's May 22 "national security" statement.

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... When Laird and the President finally met at Camp David last Sunday [3 Jun], Mr. Nixon assured him he took no part in the Watergate cover-up. Laird accepted the job that day.

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