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From proposed Articles of Impeachment, before the House Judiciary Committee:

He has abused his power to nominate and appoint the Attorney General of the United States by nominating and appointing an individual to that position who he knew had testified untruthfully under oath to a Senate Committee conducting hearings on his qualifications for office and by ratifying the untruthful testimony rather than reporting it to the Senate.

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President: "I want something clearly understood. . . . The I.T.T. thing—stay the hell out of it. Is that clear? That's an order. . . . Don't file the brief."

Kleindienst: "Your order is not to file a brief?"

President: "Your—my order is to drop the God damn thing. Is that clear?"

Kleindienst: (laughs) "Yeah, I understand that."

President: "Okay."

*White House telephone talk, April 19, 1971,
(transcript prepared by House Judiciary Committee staff)*

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"In the discharge of my responsibilities as the Acting Attorney General in these [I.T.T.] cases, I was not interfered with by anybody at the White House. I was not importuned. I was not directed."

*(Acting Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst,
to Senate Judiciary Committee, March 8, 1972)*

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"There is nothing that has happened in the hearings to date that has in one way shaken my confidence in Mr. Kleindienst as an able, honest man, fully qualified to be Attorney General of the United States."

President Nixon (news conference), March 24, 1972