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Senate Confirms Silbert

After a 21-month impasse, Earl J. Silbert was confirmed by the Senate yesterday as United States Attorney for the District of Columbia. The 84 to 12 vote came on a nomination that was first submitted by Richard M. Nixon and re-submitted three times by President Ford. Mr. Silbert has held the job on an acting basis since 1974.

A Harvard law graduate and a Democrat, Mr. Silbert, as chief assistant United States Attorney, headed the investigation and prosecution of the original seven Watergate defendants. Former Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., the chairman of the Senate Watergate committee, originally delayed the vote on Mr. Silbert's promotion on the ground that he had not sufficiently explored reports of conspiracy at higher levels. After Senator Ervin's retirement, Senator John V. Tunney, the California Democrat led the opposition.



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Earl J. Silbert

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