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Nixon Names Kelley for F.B.I.;
Senate Confirmation Expected

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WASHINGTON, June 7 —

After a six-week search, President Nixon named Clarence M. Kelley, police chief of Kansas City, Mo., today to be director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

"We picked the best man in the country for the position," Mr. Nixon said in a ceremony in his Oval Office as Mr. Kelley, 61-year-old former F.B.I. agent, and the new Attorney General, Elliot L. Richardson, looked on.

Although there was some Congressional skepticism about the Nixon statement, there was a general sense of relief that the position had at last been filled. Senate confirmation is expected, and the senior career men in the F.B.I. are expected to offer no protest, even though they had sought for the



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Clarence M. Kelley at the White House yesterday.

Mr. Nixon sought advice from his Cabinet on what anti-inflationary steps should be taken.

Nixon Seeks Opinions

Gerald L. Warren, deputy White House press secretary, reporting on the meeting, said there had been no discussion on what controls should be applied to the economy but that Mr. Nixon had asked his Cabinet members to submit their recommendations for consideration.

Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz, the President's chief economic adviser, said that the 2.1 percent rise in the wholesale price index in May, announced today, was a "significant factor in the whole mosaic and obviously unwelcome," according to Mr. Warren.

Mr. Warren ruled out the possibility of any new action in the economy being announced before Monday.

"The President considers inflation the number one problem in the country," he said. "The President will be taking actions as they are required."

Watergate a Side Issue

Most of the meeting, which lasted for an hour and 15 minutes, was taken by the President explaining his efforts to rebuild the White House staff. The Watergate scandals were

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appointment an active member from their own ranks.

"This agency is so much on the ropes at the present," said a Justice Department official, "that they will be happy with most anybody."

2 Temporary Appointees

The agency has not had a permanent director since J. Edgar Hoover, who ran it for 47 years, died 13 months ago. L. Patrick Gray 3d, a retired Navy officer, was nominated for the job after serving as acting director for several months. But he resigned April 27 after it was disclosed that he had destroyed files taken from the White House safe of E. Howard Hunt Jr., one of the Watergate burglars.

William D. Ruckelshaus, who has been acting director since Mr. Gray left, is to continue in that capacity until Mr. Kelley is confirmed. It was expected that Mr. Ruckelshaus would then return to his former job as director of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The Kelley appointment, which was forecast this week, was announced after a low-keyed Cabinet meeting in which, according to official accounts, there was no sense of alarm, either over the Watergate scandals or the troubled economy.

Rather than announcing new steps to curb inflation, as had been widely expected for today,

mentioned only "peripherally," Mr. Warren said.

That consisted of Secretary of the Labor Peter J. Brennan reporting that in his travels around the country he found that "the nation as a whole is not being so consumed with it" as are people in Washington but that they "recognize its importance."

There was considerable fanfare for the Kelley appointment. After the announcement in the President's office, Mr. Richardson and Mr. Kelley appeared before reporters in the briefing room.

Mr. Richardson pictured the stocky, grey-haired police chief as having eliminated corruption from the Kansas City Police Department and making a num-

ber of innovations that had reduced crime by 25 per cent.

Asked if he would meet the demand of F.B.I. career men that a person from their ranks be chosen for the job, Mr. Richardson said that Mr. Kelley's 21 years as an F.B.I. agent—he last served as head of the bureau's Memphis office in 1961—would meet that demand.

Mr. Kelley, in a brief statement, said he would not comment on policy matters before his confirmation hearings. But he said he thought crime could be curbed without doing violence to "human rights and dignities" and he believed the news media "forms a strong barrier against repressive law enforcement."

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