

Part-time Presidential Adviser

Connally on Nixon Staff

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In a major administration reshuffle forced by Watergate disclosures, President Nixon yesterday named CIA director James R. Schlesinger Secretary of Defense and former Treasury Secretary John B. Connally a part-time presidential adviser.

Mr. Nixon said he will nominate William E. Colby, the Central Intelligence Agency's deputy director for operations, to succeed Schlesinger.

From the Defense Department, the President tapped J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., the Pentagon's general counsel, to be special counsel to the President to handle all Watergate matters affecting the White House.

Yesterday's shift of positions was the second major one in less than two weeks. On April 30, the President announced the resignations of H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichman and John W. Dean III from the White House staff and of

Richard G. Kleindienst as Attorney General.

That day, the President moved Elliot L. Richardson from Secretary of Defense to the post of Attorney General. Richardson, former Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, had been at the Pentagon only since Feb. 1. Like Richardson, Schlesinger had just taken over the CIA directorship in February, after serving as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

The President also told his Cabinet yesterday, at a meeting attended by both Connally and Schlesinger that there would be more direct personal communications with each member. Mr. Nixon said he was ending the "super Cabinet" arrangement in which three Cabinet officers had broadened responsibility and acted as counselors to the President, press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler reported.

The three who revert to regular Cabinet status are James T. Lynn of the Transportation Department, Caspar W. Weinberger of Health, Education and Welfare, and Earl L. Butz, of Agriculture. Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz will retain his added

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