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A Job Once Before Richardson Lost

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At his news conference yesterday, former Attorney General Elliott L. Richardson jokingly mentioned that this was the first time he had been out of work since he was "fired by Bobby Kennedy."

Richardson was referring to his removal from the office of U.S. attorney for Massachusetts in 1961. He was appointed to that post in 1959 by the Republican Eisenhower administration.

Since U.S. attorneys are political appointees, it is normal procedure for new U.S. attorneys to be appointed when administrations change. It was therefore totally in keeping for then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to replace Richardson when the Democratic administration of President John F. Kennedy took office in 1961.