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**KLEINDIENST BARS
A HOFFA UNION BID**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (AP) —Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said Monday that he would move quickly to block any bid by James R. Hoffa, the former teamsters' union president, to return to union office against the conditions of his release from prison.

Mr. Kleindienst, citing news articles quoting Hoffa as desiring to return to office in his old Detroit union local, said the Government would strictly enforce the terms of President Nixon's commutation of Hoffa's sentence. The terms bar Hoffa from holding office in any union until 1980.

Mr. Kleindienst also said in a statement that he would not meet with Hoffa or his attorney to discuss the matter.

"I have informed Mr. Hoffa through his attorney, Morris Shanker, that the conditions set forth in the commutation order are not negotiable. Therefore there is no need for a meet-

ing," the Attorney General said.

Hoffa was quoted in Sunday editions of The Las Vegas Sun as saying that he and his attorney would seek a meeting with the Attorney General in an effort to lift the terms of the commutation.

Hoffa was released from prison on Dec. 23, 1971, after serving nearly five years of 13 years in sentences on jury tampering and mail fraud convictions.