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Whitewash Fears on Kleindienst

WASHINGTON — (UPI) — When the Senate votes on confirmation of Richard G. Kleindienst as Attorney General it will decide whether it will “be a party to a whitewash,” three Democratic senators have concluded.

A minority report on Senate Judiciary Committee hearings into Kleindienst's nomination by President Nixon was issued yesterday by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), Birch Bayh (D-Id.), and John Tunney (D-Calif.).

They said “evidence to date as not dispelled” the appearance in the public mind of a connection between Justice Department settlement of antitrust suits against International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and ITT's offer to help underwrite the 1972 Republican National Convention.

“The Senate must decide whether or not it is going to be a party to whitewash,” the three senators wrote in a 19-page review of committee testimony.

“There is so much that is wrong in the evidence received so far. There is much evidence not received. There is no justification for the Senate's failing to receive it.”

The Judiciary Committee cleared the nomination in an 11 to 4 vote after two months of hearings.

Also voting against confirmation was Sen. Quentin Burdick (D-N.D.) He wrote a separate dissent.