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Robert C. Mardian, a conservative who has directed the Justice Department's internal security division for the last two years, resigned to work in President Nixon's re-election campaign. He is said to have decided to quit because he was not named Deputy Attorney General after Richard G. Kleindienst was named to replace John N. Mitchell in the top spot in Justice. While in his post, Mr. Mardian increased the size and aggressiveness of the internal security division, but many of his initiatives—such as the attempt to stop publication of the Pentagon Papers, the conspiracy trial of the Rev. Philip Berrigan and his antiwar followers and the wiretapping of domestic radicals without court approval—did not fare well in the courts.