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KLEINDIENST GETS PRAISE BY NIXON

Integrity Cited at Swearing
Ceremony in White House

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WASHINGTON, June 12 — President Nixon, at a swearing-in ceremony for Richard G. Kleindienst, described his new Attorney General today as a man of "honesty and integrity." He said that Mr. Kleindienst's "long ordeal" in gaining confirmation in the Senate had only strengthened the President's confidence in him.

"A great ship is not tested by smooth sailing but by rough seas," the President said. "There is no question that here is a man strong in character who is at his best when the going is toughest."

Mr. Nixon spoke at a ceremony in the East Room of the White House where he also presided over the swearing-in of two far less controversial nominees—George P. Shultz, the new Secretary of the Treasury, and Caspar W. Weinberger, who will succeed Mr. Shultz as director of the Office of Management and Budget.

The ceremonies brought to a close, at least in a formal sense, one of the longest and most bitter struggles in history over a Presidential appointment to his Cabinet.

Four-Month Dispute

Nominated to succeed, John N. Mitchell as Attorney General in February, Mr. Kleindienst was confirmed only last week. The confirmation followed long hearings by the Senate Judiciary Committee into an alleged connection between the out-of-court settlement of antitrust suits against the International Telephone and Telegraph Company and the company's pledge to help defray the costs of the Republican National Convention.

There was a festive air of celebration in what are normally routine ceremonies. A red-coated Marine band played tunes in the vast White House foyer, providing a spirited background for the chatter of some 200 dignitaries — Cabinet officials, Senators and others — invited for the occasion.

President Nixon introduced each nominee and then turned them over to Chief Justice Warren E. Burger, who administered the oath.

Mr. Kleindienst beamed as Mr. Nixon praised his "intellectual capabilities, honesty, integrity and devotion to the law." The President cited Mr. Shultz for an "unusual combination" of talents, including economic expertise and administrative ability, and praised Mr. Weinberger's, "intellectual capacities, integrity and fearlessness."

Mr. Shultz joined the Nixon Cabinet as Secretary of Labor and then became the first Director of the new Office of Management and Budget. He has been instrumental in the development of many of the Administration's major domestic programs. Mr. Weinberger has been serving as his principal deputy at the agency.