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Butz, Lynn Weinberger in Super-Cabinet By Lou Cannon

Washington Post Staff Writer President Nixon moved yesterday to shakeup and streamline the sprawling federal bureaucracy along functional lines by giving three Cabinet members broad authority as counselors for natural resources, human resources and community development.

Mr. Nixon also named five high-ranking members of his staff as assistants to the President with responsibilities "to integrate and unify policies and operations throughout the executive branch . . . and to oversee all of the activities for which the President is responsible."

"Americans are fed up with wasteful, musclebound government in Washington and anx-ious for change that works," the President said in a statement accompanying his reorg-

anization order. Under the reorganization, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz will assume the addtional duties of counselor on natural resources. Caspar W. Weinberger, Secretary-desig-nate of Health, Education and Welfare, will become human resources counselor and James T. Lynn, Secretary des-ignate of Housing and Urban Development, will become community development counselor.

selor. Creation of this functional "super-Cabinet" closely fol-lows the plan outlined by Mr. Nixon in the reorganization proposal he made to Congress in 1970. It has never been

in 1970. It has never been acted upon. However, John D. Ehrlich-man, domestic affairs adviser to the President, said the plan announced yesterday was "less than half a loaf" of what the President desired in the way of faderal recommization. Ho of federal reorganization. He said that the administration would continue to seek con-

gressional enactment of the full reorganizational plan. Ehrlichmann is one of the five high-ranking staff members who will become a presidential assistant under the reorganization. President Nixon called these five men "the nucleus" of his second-term staff.

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The five are H. R. Haldeman, administration of the White House Office; Henry A. Kissinger, foreign affairs; Ehrlichman, domestic affairs; George P. Shultz, economic af-fairs and Roy L. Ash, execu-tive management

tive management. Unlike the appointment of the counselors, this managethe counselors, this manage-ment change appears chiefly to be one of designation. Haldeman, Ehrlichman and Kissinger will continue to per-form roles similar to the ones they occupied in the first term, and Shultz and Ash pre-viously had been designated as assistants to the President as assistants to the President. Two other administrative appointees also were previously named assistants to the President for the second term. They are Peter M. Flanigan, who has responsibility for in-ternational economic affairs, and William E. Timmons, for legislative liaison.

Ehrlichman said that the re-organization will enable the President to make a 50 per cent cutback in personnel employed by the Executive Of-fice of the President. The size of the office more than dou-bled in Mr. Nixon's first term, to a total staff of 4,216 persons.

As counselor on natural resources, Butz will have respon-sibility for issues involving natural resource use, land and environment, minerals, the igation and park and wildlife resources in addition to his continuing duties as Secretary of Agriculture.

responsibili-Weinberger's ties will extend to health, education, manpower, income security, social services curity, social services, "Indians and native peoples," drug abuse and consumer protection. Under Lynn's jurisdiction

will be problems of community planning, community institutions, housing, highways, public transportation, regional

development, disaster relief and national eapitol affairs.

Butz, Weinberger and Lynn each will chair a committee on the Domestic Council made up of department and agency heads. The President said heads. The President said these committees will operate similarly to the new Council on Economic Affairs, an-nounced last month and chaired by Schultz, which will coordinate all departments and agencies dealing with ecoand agencies dealing with economic policy.

The new reorganization appears to diminish the tradi-tional role of the presidential Cabinet and of the individual Cabinet and of the Individual Cabinet members except for the three counselors. Many of the functions which Butz, for example, will be coordinating have traditionally been under the exclusive jurisdiction, of the Department of the Interior. A number of Lynn's re-sponsibilities extend to pro-grams administered by the Department of Transportation.

However, the President said in his statement that the functions of the 11 executive de-partments of the independent, agencies will remain un-changed. This is a sensitive



By Bob Burchette-The Washington Pos President Nixon breakfasts with House Speaker Carl Albert and Gerald R. Ford (R-Mich.), House Minority Leader.

point in the Congress, which is concerned about maintain-ing specific legislative jurisdiction over the various agencies.

President Nixon has never

cared very much for full Cabi-net sessions, which Ehrlich-man referred to yesterday as "show-and-tell sessions." In-stead, Mr. Nixon has from the outset of his first administra-tion preferred small, compact groups with specifically de-fined responsibilities.

The announcements of in-tended cutbacks in the execu-tive office made no mention of any reduction in the White House staff, which the Presi-dent said earlier should set an economy example for other agencies. agencies.

Ehrlichman said an an-nouncement on White House staff reductions would be forthcoming within a week to 10 days.

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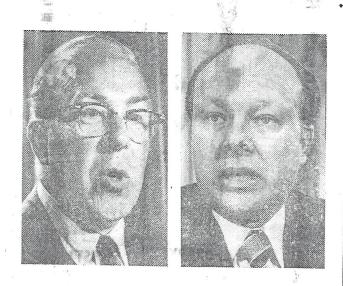


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The nucleus of the Nixon staff, from top man, Henry A. Kissinger; from bottom left, H. R. Haldeman, John D. Ehrlichleft, George P. Shultz, Roy L. Ash.

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