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Navy Secretary Warner to

Coordinate Bicentennial

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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March 19—President Nixon named today Secretary of the Navy John W. Warner to head the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, a new Federal agency that will coordinate the nation's celebration of its 200th birthday.

Mr. Nixon chose a nationwide address to announce the nomination of Mr. Warner as the agency's administrator, a post in which he will oversee the planning for what the President described as a "completely non-partisan effort" of "truly national" dimensions.

A White House spokesman said that Mr. Warner would resign from the Defense Department as soon as his appointment was confirmed by the Senate.

Speaking from the study of his Key Biscayne home, where he spent the morning working on the 15-minute speech, the President declared:

"The bicentennial is not going to be invented in Washington, printed in triplicate by the Government Printing Office, mailed to you by the U.S. Postal Service and filed away in your public library. Instead, we shall seek to trigger a chain reaction of tens of thousands of individual celebrations — large and small — planned and carried out by citizens in every part of America."

The city of Boston, the President said, "is restoring such historic structures as Fanueil

Hall, Quincy Market and the Old State House" to commemorate the event, while the American Express Company "has donated funds for a face-lifting of the Statue of Liberty."

While Mr. Nixon did not mention the Watergate scandals that are threatening his Administration and his Presidency, the tone of his remarks conveyed the impression that he expected to be in the White House on July 4, 1976, the date of the bicentennial anniversary, which will be less than even months from the end of his term in office.

An Inference Made

The inference made by some observers was that the President would continue to ignore demands for his resignation and to adhere to his stance of resisting efforts in Congress to remove him through impeachment.

The only hint of recognition of the constitutional struggle shaping up over impeachment came when Mr. Nixon declared that, in preparing to celebrate the bicentennial, it was "essential" for the nation to look to the future as well as to the past.

"Like the Founding Fathers, we are bound to experience many problems along the way," he said. "Like them, we will have our share of disagreements and disappointments. That is the price that every free society must pay and history shows us that it is a price worth paying for freedom."

The President will travel to Homestead Air Force Base near here tomorrow to see Mrs. Nixon off on a six-day goodwill visit to Venezuela and Brazil before he returns to Washington tomorrow evening.