Nixon Will Retain Hoover and Helms

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The announcement was made in Federal Office Busines 7, a relatively new Federal structure on 17th Street where part of the President-elect's staff has occupied office space during the transition period.

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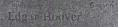
As Mr. Ziegler talked to news men on the second floor, Mr. Nixon conferred upstairs with Republican leaders, including Senator Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois and Representative Gerald R. Ford of Michigan, the Senate and House minority leaders.

Mr. Nixon's decision to keep Mr. Hoover follows a pattern set by his immediate predecessors. One of the first announcements made by John F. Ken-

sors. One of the first announcements made by John F. Kennedy after he became President in 1960 was that he had asked Mr. Hoover to remain.

Since Mr. Hoover is past the compulsory retirement age of 70 for Federal employes, Mr. Nixon, when he takes office, will have to sign an executive order exempting Mr. Hoover from retirement. President Johnson waived the rule when he reappointed Mr. Hoover.







Richard Heims

Support for Helms

In asking Mr. Items to stay on Mr. Nixon has accepted the advice of his associate in his staff and on Capitol Hill who have come to repaid the CLA's director as one of the covernment's most able and effective servants.

A veteran of nearly two decades as the agency's deputy director. Mr. Helms assumed full command at the request of Mr. Johnson on June 18, 1966. Since then he has earned the reputation as a fair and honest reporter of intelligence data, who has focused on the primary business of information-gathering and kept clear of policy disputes.

He is viewed, particularly in Congress, where the intelligence agency has long been cause of controversy—as a reliable source of data on the war in Vietnam, and he has not been afraid to give assessments of the war contrary to those provided by the Joint Chiefs of Staff and even the White House.

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Mr. Hoover has also sought to remain above controversy but has been less successful in doing so Ha is a backelor who

doing so. He is a bachelor who dresses conservatively, drinks and eats sparingly and expects his agents to do the same. He

seldom gives interviews and remains aloof from Washington's official social circuit.

Despite his Spartan life, however, he speaks out frequently and forcefully in his agency's monthly Law Enforcement Buletin against Communict influence. letin against Communist influ-ences in the United States, or-ganized crime, civil disorder, and pornography.

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A Campaign Issue

He has tangled publicly with civil rights leaders, and had a caustic exchange with the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. During the campaign, Senator Eugene McCarthy publicly called for his removal.

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tion when asked whether he would retain Mr. Hoover. Of the major candidates only Mr. Nixon unequivically pledged to keep the F.B.I. chief in his job. At the same time, Mr. Hoover

has developed a powerful esprit-de corps among his agents, and under his leadership the P.B.L. has attempted to lift the business of fighting crime from an amateur exercise to a professional discipline.

Meanwhile, authoritative sources confirmed that Mr. Nixon would shortly name Gov. Nixon would shortly name Gov.
Nils A. Boe of South Dakota
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In mother development of the transition, John N. Mitchell, the Attorney General despending spent an hour conferring with President Johnson this afternoon at Mr. Johnson's office in the White House. George Chistian, the White House press secretary, declined to give any details of their conversation.

Mr. Christian said earlier today that the President would probably be seeing a number of the Nixon Cabinet members throughout this week at the request of the President-elect.

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The President elect spent more than two hours with the Congressional leaders, then paid a call on former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, who is recuperating at Walter Reed Army Medical Center from a heart attack.

After the visit, Mr. Nixon told newsmen that the General would watch the wedding of his grandson, David, to Mr. Nixon's daughter Julie on a specially arranged closed-circuit television hookup.

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