

The Nixon Firings

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Washington (NNS) - In carefully chosen phrases, President Nixon has been telling the departing members of his first administration just how much he hates to see them go.

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The subtle shading of each departure statement issued by the White House is intentional and designed to convey Nixon's exact feeling about the individual, according to a White House source involved in the process.

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The President, it is understood, personally decides the key phrasing of each resignation statement.

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Director Richard Helms of the Central Intelligence Agency got eased out warmly - "with greatest respect and deepest appreciation" - but there was no indication of presidential regret.

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