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WASHINGTON — (UPI) — Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst and White House aides H.R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman said in letters to President Nixon they must resign to preserve the integrity of the Administration.

Kleindienst, who entered his cabinet post amid controversy over International Telephone and Telegraph Corp. and held it for only 11 days before the Watergate burglars were arrested last June, said new developments in Watergate forced him to resign.

"Those disclosures informed me, for the first time, that persons with

whom I had had close personal and professional associations would be involved in conduct violative of the laws of the United States," Kleindienst said.

"Fair and impartial enforcement of the law requires that a person who has not had such intimate relations be the Attorney General of the United States."

The President accepted the resignations of Kleindienst, Haldeman and Ehrlichman yesterday and asked for the resignation of White House counsel John W. Dean III. Gordon Strachan, a former Haldeman aide who became general

counsel of the U.S. Information Agency in December, also resigned as a result of Watergate developments.

Kleindienst, Haldeman and Ehrlichman all denied any wrongdoing. Dean did not make a statement.

Haldeman, who as White House chief of staff guarded the president's appointments for five years, said "various allegations and innuendoes" about Watergate had reduced his effectiveness.

Haldeman and Ehrlichman, who told the President of their decisions to resign at a Camp David meeting Sunday, said they had reached their conclusions "independently."