Richardson's Third Cabinet Post--A Rarity Washington

If Elliot L. Richardson is confirmed as attorney general, he will become only the third man ever to hold three different Cabinet positions in one administration.

Richardson, currently secretary of defense, was secretary of health, education and welfare from 1970 until early this year. He was named by President Nixon Monday to be the next chief of the Justice Department.

Timothy Pickering was the first man to hold three different jobs in one presi-dent's Cabinet. He was secretary of state, secretary of war and postmaster general for George Washington.

George B. Courtelyou was postmaster general, secretary of the treasury and secretary of commerce and la-bor for Theodore Roosevelt early in this century. Com-merce and labor was then a single department.

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