

# Richardson, Cox Are Sworn In

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Harvard Law Professor Archibald Cox took over the government's Watergate investigation yesterday after Elliot L. Richardson was sworn in as attorney general.

President Nixon heard Richardson take the oath of office, administered by Chief Justice Warren Burger in a showy White House ceremony. Cox quietly took his oath as special prosecutor at the Justice Department.

The President announced that Richardson, 52, who had been secretary of defense, will retain his seat on the National Security Council.

On Thursday Mr. Nixon had lashed out at "those who steal secrets." He appeared to underscore this concern for national security by placing the nation's chief law-enforcement officer on the government's top security panel.

### CEREMONY

At the White House ceremony, Richardson didn't refer specifically to the Watergate scandal. But he said, "These are times when the institutions of our government are under stress.

"It is not because the structure is not sound. It is sound," he told an audience in the East Room.

"If there are flaws, they

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are in ourselves. The task is not one of redesign but one of renewal and reaffirmation."

Richardson's wife, Anne, held two Bibles for the ceremony. Two of Richardson's three children, Nancy, 16, and Henry, 18, were in the audience.

### OATH

Cox, 61, will have the rank of an assistant attorney general and the salary of \$38,000 yearly.

The ceremony took place in the office of the U.S. solicitor general, a job Cox held for five years under Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson before returning to Harvard.

Cox' oath was administered by U.S. Judge Charles Fahy of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia.

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When Fahy was solicitor general, Cox served as an assistant to him for three years.

### VIEW

Mr. Nixon said Richardson "will be one of the ablest men to hold the office of attorney general" because of his vast experience in government and law.

Richardson was elected lieutenant governor and attorney general of Massachusetts and has held in turn the posts of undersecretary of state, secretary of health, education and welfare, and secretary of defense.

He becomes the 69th attor-



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ARCHIBALD COX  
He'll probe Watergate

ney general of the United States, replacing Richard G. Kleindienst, who resigned April 30 because friends and associates had been implicated in the Watergate scandal. One of those was his predecessor, former Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

Mr. Nixon said he asked Richardson to become a member of the National Security Council because of his

"great expertise and experience."

About 200 persons, including Cabinet officers and friends from the various agencies of government in which Richardson had served, attended the ceremony in the East Room — usually the setting for major diplomatic and other formal functions.

Cabinet officials normally are sworn in at fairly routine ceremonies witnessed primarily by family members and friends.

#### COX

Referring to Cox' new assignment, Richardson said:

"Mr. Cox has the character and background of experience that is needed to provide the confidence, the fairness and integrity and the fearlessness with which to discharge the responsibility of the investigation and prosecution of the Watergate case and other related matters."

Cox said, "I've been given all the powers and all the independence any man can wish to perform this job."

He said he asked that the oath be given in the solicitor

general's office because the traditional qualities of that job are "candor, honor, human sensitivity, dedication to justice and unswerving rectitude but without, I hope, tainted self-righteousness."

"Those are the qualities I believe are required for the job I am about to undertake," he said. "Those are the qualities I hope to bring to the office."

#### ATTORNEYS

In response to questions, Cox said he does not know if the assistant U.S. attorneys handling the Watergate case will stay on, but he said he asked them to remain so there would be "no break or delay in the investigation."

"I expect to review everything that is relevant with my staff," he said. "I don't expect to lose any of the momentum. That's why I asked the men in the U.S. attorney's office to carry on for the moment. As far as I know that is what they expect to do."



MR. NIXON AND ELLIOT RICHARDSON  
The President spoke with the new attorney general