

Waldie Says Ford Is 'Not Adequate'

Washington

Representative Jerome Waldie (Dem-Calif.) urged President Nixon to replace Representative Gerald Ford (Rep-Mich.) with former Attorney General Elliot Richardson as his nominee for Vice President and then to resign when Richardson is confirmed.

The California Democrat, who is a member of the House Judiciary Committee, said Ford was "not adequate to the enormous task confronting a successor to Richard Nixon."

In calling for the nomination of Richardson, Waldie said he did not think House Speaker Carl Albert should succeed to the presidency "even though he is more qualified than Ford for the position."

Waldie said Ford was "lacking in administrative ability" and too closely identified with Mr. Nixon to gain the confidence of the American people.

He said Richardson, on the other hand, was "one of America's most outstanding public servants and uniquely qualified to meet the challenges of this office."

The Congressman noted that Richardson had served in three Cabinet posts and had been confirmed by the

Senate in each case after "careful . . . scrutiny."

"There is no doubt his nomination as Vice President would be received and approved by the House and the Senate by acclamation," Waldie said.

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