

# Nixon's Principal Domestic Advisers

## Washington

Vice President Gerald Ford and Kenneth R. Cole Jr., will be President Nixon's principal domestic advisers after the departure of counselors Melvin R. Laird and Bryce Harlow from the White House staff.

Officials said yesterday that Ford is playing an active role in determining domestic policy choices for the President and that Cole is working closely with Ford.

Mr. Nixon conferred with Cole yesterday on his expanded duties. He is now executive director of the Domestic Council of which the President is chairman and the vice president is vice chairman.

Mr. Nixon will take over some of the responsibilities Laird has carried out since joining the White House staff in June. Cole also will take over some of others.

In other developments, deputy press secretary Gerald R. Warren said that the President will not reimburse the government for federally financed work at his California and Florida homes which the General Accounting Office said should have been paid for personally.

Warren maintained that the GAO report released this week questioned only "an infinitesimal" part of the federal funds expended on the homes. He recalled the Warren Commission recommendation that every precaution be taken to guard the President's security.

Mr. Nixon met with Anna Clinkscales, a Baltimore woman who said she had gone door to door in her neighborhood to obtain signatures to a petition in support of the President.

The President called her pledges of support "a very nice Christmas present."

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