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Ford Being Briefed by White House

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The Chief White House domestic affairs adviser said yesterday that he and Vice President Gerald R. Ford are holding regular policy meetings, but insisted the change had nothing to do with calls for President Nixon's resignation.

It would be "a disaster if Nixon quit," he added.

Kenneth R. Cole told a news conference that his new series of conferences with Ford began several weeks ago at the vice president's request and that Mr. Nixon had not been involved.

Cole denied the talks were part of a "break-in" period in case Ford has to assume the presidency.

He said meetings are held once a week, that they last about an hour, that they cover a broad range of topics and that some of his own aides and Ford's are present.

The next meeting will be held today, he said.

Previously, Cole said his contact with Ford was more loosely structured, with members of his staff and Ford's getting in touch when a need arose.

Cole attached little significance to the change. "We tried one way of doing business and it just wasn't working as well as we had hoped," he said.

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