

Kleindienst's Pay From Algeria

Washington

Former Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst has reported being paid \$43,849.49 in fees and getting the gift of a rug during his 11 months as a lawyer for the government of Algeria, Justice Department records showed yesterday.

Like all others who act as agents for foreign governments, Kleindienst was required to file a description of his services and a statement of his earnings with the registry of foreign agents in the Justice Department's Internal Security Section.

Kleindienst first regis-

tered Dec. 10, 1973, more than six months after he stepped down from his brief term as attorney general. He filed again about six months later on May 14, 1974.

Kleindienst said his "principal" in Algeria was Belaid Abdesselem, minister of industry and energy. He described his work as "general professional legal services on a continuing basis to the government of Algeria."

"In addition," his filing said, "the registrant has also participated with others in making arrangements by which officers of the government of Algeria met with officers of the government of the United States."

Kleindienst could not be reached for a fuller explanation of his services.

Sources familiar with Algerian interests said they assumed Kleindienst worked mainly on arrangements for

the sale of a large amount of Algerian natural gas to the United States to ease the energy shortage.

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