

Vital Posts Open Under President

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Washington, Dec. 10 - President Nixon has filled his second-term Cabinet, barring confirmation rattles, and public interest in the "new" Nixon Administration has diminished, but there are still significant decisions to be made about people and positions below the Cabinet level.

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Whether the [FBI and the CIA] will have new directors is still unresolved publicly, and still the object of much speculation.

Richard A. Helms, the present C.I.A. chief, has been reported to be on the way out because of displeasure - particularly from Henry A. Kissinger, Mr. Nixon's assistant for national security affairs, and his staff - about a lack of warning of the North Vietnamese offensive last April.

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