New Man at the F.B.I.

Ruckelshaus, as Environmental Chief, Held to Be Firm, Fair and Independent

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WASHINGTON, April 27 — A couple of weeks ago when William D. Ruckkelshaus, ad-ministor of the Environmental Protection Agency, reversed himself and gave the auto in-dustry an additional year to meet the 1975 Federal anti-pollution standards, a reporter House pressure. News With a slight trace News With a slight trace News With a slight trace ision; the law made it my de-cision; the law made it my de-citav out They agreed with the trace was a specific to the trace of the trace or the the trace of trac WASHINGTON, April 27 -Mr. Nixon said that what he

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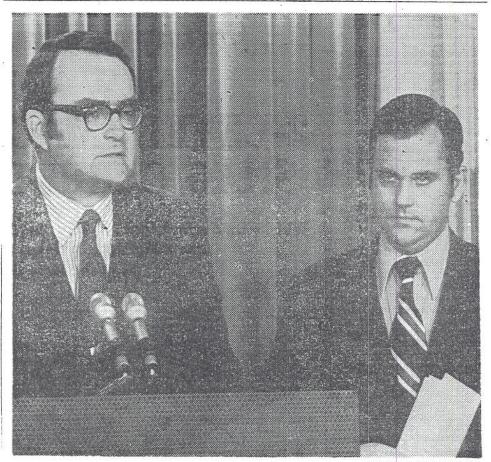
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"I don't feel completely isolated," he replied, "but I invest in the technology at don't feel surrounded either."
hand. He told foot draggers that he would administer the laws fairly, but "I will make accusations when in my opinion "off-the-record" statements or they are warranted, and I will seek court action when there is no other reasonable recourse."
has done so, as suits prose-test.
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At a White House news con-ference today, he set out on his new job in the same frame of mind. He said he would per-form his duties honestly, fairly and vigorously, and that he had asked and received assurance from the President that "no matter who is involved in the Watergate case there would be no sparing of anyone."

ministration. He has also displayed a jealous regard for the statutory authority given him by Congress, which he has exercised, it is generally agreed, with firmness and fairness. Qualities Shown In short, he has demonstrated qualities needed by a director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in themidst of the crisis of public confidence in Government that has followed the Watergate disclosures. He was appointed acting director of the F.B.I. today, replacing L. Patrick Gray 3d, who resigned under fire. And that, almost certainly in factors and that, almost certainly in the state of the state o

Gray 3d, who resigned under fire. And that, almost certainly, is why President Nixon turned to why President Nixon turned to months he will occupy the post, the damage done to the F.B.I. and its reputation by Mr. Gray, who displayed little independ-ence or firmness under pressure from White House aides. Soon after Mr. Ruckelshaus was appointed head of the newly formed environmental agency, he told a large meeting of top executives from the na-tion's biggest industries that it was time for them to stop wait-ing for "ultimate" solutions to the technology at the technology at the technology at the invest in the technology at technology at the technology at the technology at the technolog

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William D. Ruckelshaus, left, with Donald L. Ziegler, White House press secretary, at the news session yesterday at which Mr. Ziegler announced selection of Mr. Ruckels-haus to serve as acting director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.