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F.B.I. Officials Ask President to Name Insider as Director

WASHINGTON, April 30 (AP) —F.B.I. officials asked President Nixon today to consider someone from within the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the director's post instead of naming another outsider.

In a telegram sent to Mr. Nixon and signed "All F.B.I. Officials," the agents and directors said:

"We are moved to address you thusly, because of our devotion to our sworn duty to the people of the nation, because of our love for this great institution, and because we have seen no indication of consideration of F.B.I. officials, among whom there is an inherent nonpartisanship and deep reverence to the call of duty to all the people of our nation.

"In the search for a nominee for the F.B.I. directorship, we urged consideration to the highly qualified professionals with impeccable credentials of integrity within the organization itself.

"We do not suggest there are not many other highly qualified leaders of proven integrity, but at this critical time it is essential that the F.B.I. not flounder or lose direction in its service to the nation because of the lack of law enforcement expertise or of other qualities essential to the F.B.I. directorship."

The telegram was released by Leonard M. Walters, an assistant director of the F.B.I.

The telegram followed the resignation of Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst today and the resignation Friday of the acting F.B.I. director L. Patrick Gray 3d.

William D. Ruckelshaus, for-

mer head of the Environmental Protection Agency, took temporary command of the bureau today.