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BULLETIN

NIXON-TAPES

WASHINGTON (AP)-PRESIDENT NIXON FIRED SPECIAL WATERGATE
 PROSECUTOR ARCHIBALD COX TONIGHT, ABOLISHED THE WATERGATE TASK
 FORCE AND ACCEPTED THE RESIGNATIONS OF ATTY. GEN. GEN. ELLIOT
 L. RICHARDSON AND DEPUTY ATTY. GEN. WILLIAM P. RUCKELSHAUS.

PRESS SECRETARY RONALD ZIEGLER ANNOUNCED THAT NIXON HAD
 FIRED COX BECAUSE OF HIS ANNOUNCED INTENTION TO DEFEY A PRESIDENTIAL
 ORDER THAT HE CEASE A COURT BATTLE TO OBTAIN THE WATERGATE TAPES.
 ZIEGLER REPORTED RICHARDSON "FELT OBLIGED TO RESIGN" BECAUSE HE
 FELT NIXON'S ORDER TO COX VIOLATED AN UNDERSTANDING WITH CONGRESS
 THAT COX WOULD BE GIVEN A FREE HAND IN HIS WATERGATE
 INVESTIGATIONS.

RUCKELSHAUS WAS FIRED, SAID ZIEGLER, BECAUSE HE REFUSED TO
 CARRY OUT A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER TO DISCHARGE COX.

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