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Richardson Named To Succeed Laird As Secretary Of Defense ent

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AMP DAVID, Md. (AP) - nouncement, the President named come at a time when an intenpresident of Litton Industries, to succeed Weinberger in the Cabinet-level OMB post. The selections of Richardson

and Weinberger are subject to is succeed Richardson as the confirmation by the Senate when his administration." retary of Health, Education it returns in January. Ash does Welfare, Nixon said he will not need Senate confirmation. Press secretary Ronald L. Ziegler, disclosing the personnel changes to newsmen, said: "These three announcements

ident Nixon launched his millionaire industrialist Roy Ash, sive review is being undertaken of the entire government structure and they are part of the President's broad plan to bring fresh perspective and new vitality to the second four years of

There had been advance speculation that Richardson might be picked to succeed Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird, who disclosed weeks ago that he planned to resign at the end of

Nixon's first term. However, there had been equally persistent rumors that Richardson might become Secretary of State, to head the department in which he served as undersecretary during the early California. part of the Nixon tenure.

Richardson, 52, has been HEW chief since 1970.

Long active in Republican politics in Massachusetts, the erudite Richardson was lieutenant when George Shultz became Secgovernor and attorney general of retary of the Treasury.

that state in the 1960s.

Nixon team in 1970 as chairman of the Federal Trade Commission after serving as director of finance for Nixon's native state of

Like Richardson a Harvard graduate, he became deputy director of OMB when the agency was created on July 1, 1970, and moved up to the top job last May

Weinberger will be expected Weinberger, 55, joined the by Nixon to "bring about further divest himself of his considerable efficiencies within HEW," Ziegler said.

Ziegler said Richardson also slim down the Defense budget. Ash, perhaps the least known of the trio of appointees, cofounded Litton Industries of Beverly Hills, Calif., in 1953 and has been its president since 1961.

Responding to inquiries, Ziegler said Ash will resign as Lit-

ton president Dec. 9 and would stockholdings in the company.

During the first two years of the Nixon administration, Ash will have a mandate to try to served as chairman of Nixon's Advisory Council on Executive Organization — a part-time job. On a rainy day here, Nixon spent much of his time discussing his reorganization plans with a series of official visitors, taking time out for a telephone conference with Vietnam peace negotiator Henry A. Kissinger back in Washington.

With him at various times during the day were James Lynn, undersecretary of Commerce; aides Charles Colson and John Whittaker; Sen. Robert Dole of Kansas, the chairman of the Republican National Committee; and House Republican leader Gerald Ford of Michigan.

Ziegler promised that more personnel shifts would be announced here Wednesday and said Nixon probably will make a helicopter trip to the White House in the afternoon to meet with Nguyen Phu Duc, special representative of South Vietnamese President Nguyen Van Thieu, to discuss the Paris peace talks.

Maternal Deaths Unnecessary

Association committee says 50 out of 82 deaths directly related to childbirth in 1970 could have been avoided.

The TMA Committee on Maternal Health also said the state had a maternal death rate of 3.6 women per 10,000 live births in 1970, the latest year for which it had statistics.

The rate is based on the deaths of 126 women who were known to be pregnant within 90 days of their demise. Eighty-two deaths were directly related to childbirth

In 1969, the maternal death rate was 3.1 per 10,000 births.

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