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Symington Tells
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Secretaries

President-Elect
Promises Study



Palm Beach, Fla. — (UPI) — Sweeping changes in the American defense establishment, including abolition of the Army, Navy and Air Force secretaries, with a possible annual saving of \$8 billion were recommended today to President-elect John F. Kennedy.

After receiving the defense reorganization report from Sen. Stuart Symington (D-Mo.), Kennedy said it was "an interesting and a somewhat startling study which I am sure will be carefully analyzed by the Congress and the incoming administration."

The recommendations resulted from a study requested by Kennedy during the campaign and conducted by Symington and a committee of five members, including four former officials of the Defense Department.

Streamlined Defense

Principal aim of the recommendations, according to Symington, was to streamline the Defense Department to meet the needs of the nuclear space age by eliminating "the arbitrary and ridiculous division between land, sea and air."

The basic recommendations submitted to Kennedy:

—Elimination of the departmental structure of the Army, Navy and Air Force, although retaining the three services as separate military divisions. This would abolish the three civilian service secretaries, their undersecretaries and assistant secretaries.

—Replacing the Joint Chiefs of Staff with a joint staff, the chairman of which would report directly to the secretary of defense who would then report to the president.

—The civilian command of defense department would consist of a secretary, a deputy secretary, an undersecretary for administration and an undersecretary for weapons.

ard Building and Prairie considered

Johnson recreation director, told the county court this morning (7:30) the commission hopes to have Med- plans, architect's design, cost estimates, and a location selected for the proposed building following tonight's meeting. Copies of this information can then be sent to the bureau of reclamation for approval, and to the bureau of land management for its incorporation.

Proposed Building

The proposed two story building may be located north of the spring and west of the boat ramp where a level space has been cleared. His-

word explained. The lower story would include a coffee shop and restaurant and other facilities for recreationists, and the second story would