

SAN DIEGO CHIEF OF C.I.A. SAYS HE WAS FORCED OUT

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SAN DIEGO, Dec. 6 (AP)—Donald S. Jordan, the local chief of the Central Intelligence Agency, says he has been forced to retire after publicly calling for an investigation of possible illegal action by agency officers.

Mr. Jordan, a 26-year C.I.A. employee, said that three agency officials arrived at his office Monday and handed him a retirement application.

"The admiral has looked at your memo," Mr. Jordan said they told him, referring to his telegram urging an inquiry by the Director of Central Intelligence, Adm. Stansfield Turner, "and is exercising his prerogative to terminate you."

Mr. Jordan, 57 years old, said he signed the retirement paper. He said the three then took his office key and changed the combination of his office safe.

"It's very unusual, extremely rare" to be forced out without a hearing, he said. He said there "is nothing in writing that I was fired."

In Washington, Dale Peterson, an agency spokesman, said that the C.I.A. would have no immediate comment on whether Mr. Jordan had retired or had been asked to retire. But Mr. Peterson said Mr. Jordan's complaints "have been looked at by the agency and are continuing to be looked at."