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Bush has no background as a spy

WASHINGTON (AP) — George Bush, reportedly selected by President Ford as the next director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has no background as a spy but has occupied two of the nation's most sensitive diplomatic posts.

And in taking over the beleaguered agency Bush may need all the diplomatic finesse he has acquired as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and as envoy to the People's Republic of China.

Bush, 51, has a history of being appointed to posts for which he appears to be less than perfectly suited.

In his first major political campaign — an attempt to unseat Sen. Ralph Yarborough, D-Tex., in 1964—Bush's stance was that of a fiery anti-Communist who asserted that if the Chinese ever got into the United Nations, the United States should get out.

But in 1970, Bush was named by then-President Nixon as his U.N. ambassador and a year later joined in welcoming Peking to the world organization.

Later, in September 1974, while serving as the Republican Party's national chairman, Bush was chosen by President Ford to go to Peking as head of the U.S. liaison office, a post he still holds.

George Herbert Walker Bush has a background of middling success in politics and great success in business.