

Advised Goldwater in '64

Nixon Eyes Ex-CIA Official

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A former CIA official who had the major staff responsibility for Barry Goldwater's presidential campaign speeches in 1964 is under consideration by President Nixon for the sensitive and important job of Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs.

G. Warren Nutter, 45, associate director of the University of Virginia's Thomas Jefferson Center for Studies in Political Economy, has been to the Pentagon to meet staff members of ISA, which monitors the Defense Department's participation in the National Security Council and supervises defense policy in arms control, arms sales and the worldwide military assistance program.

ISA is often known as "the Pentagon's State Department." Through its organization of regional and country specialists, corresponding roughly to the State Department's geographic bureaus, it provides basic information for decision-making by the Secretary of Defense and his top aides. ISA played a key role in the change in



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U.S. policy toward the Vietnam war last year, and is sometimes said to have almost as much influence on foreign policy as the State Department itself.

Some sources say Nutter—an expert on the Soviet economy — has been tentatively picked for the ISA job. Pentagon spokesmen, who said that Defense Secretary Melvin

Laird plans some personnel announcements at a press conference today, had no comment about Nutter.

Nutter's last service in government, according to his biography in *Who's Who in America*, was as a division chief of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1952-53.

Last fall he served as a member of Mr. Nixon's unannounced foreign affairs advisory committee, but otherwise took little part in the presidential campaign.

In 1964, he had a much greater role. Karl Hess, who was Goldwater's confidant and aide during the presidential drive, wrote in his 1967 book, "In a Cause That Will Triumph," that Nutter was "the anchor man of the 'think tank' team" for the unsuccessful GOP candidate.

"Along with the major staff responsibility for every single one of the campaign's major speeches, Warren was deeply involved with every statement, including political principles, that left the (Republican) National Committee during the campaign," Hess wrote.

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