

CIA Director Adds 4 Deputies

Deutch Completes Restructuring of Top Staff Spots at Troubled Agency

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CIA Director John M. Deutch announced the appointment of four new deputy directors yesterday, completing his sweep of eight top executives in the troubled intelligence agency.

The new appointees were selected with the help of a panel headed by former CIA deputy director John McMahon. They were chosen to provide continuity within the agency since most of Deutch's new team came from Capitol Hill or the Pentagon. All but one of those named yesterday were longtime CIA employees.

Deutch named David Cohen, a 30-year CIA veteran, to be deputy director for operations, overseeing the embattled clandestine collection side of the agency. Cohen has spent most of his career on the intelligence analysis side, most recently as associate deputy director for intelligence. Cohen had a brief tour in operations, running the national collection division, which interviews American businessmen and other U.S. visitors abroad.

Deutch picked John Gannon, an 18-year analyst with the agency who had been director of European analysis, to be deputy director for intelligence.

The one outsider in yesterday's group was Ruth David, formerly director of advance information technologies for Sandia National Laboratories. Deutch chose her to be deputy director for science and technology. Deutch noted yesterday that in 1959, the last time an outsider was picked for this job, the agency went on to develop unique intelligence collection satellites and highflying spy planes.

Leon Hazelwood, another longtime CIA official, was picked to be deputy director for administration. He was given the task of working out new agency personnel and career development programs, which have been subject to internal criticism in the past.

Deutch also created two new deputy positions for Cohen in the operations directorate, saying new support was needed "to strengthen the ability to carry out espionage." One of the new associate deputy directors for operations, Paul Redmond, will handle counterintelligence. Last year Redmond was one of the few operations officers who identified confessed spy Aldrich H. Ames as a possible mole.

Christine Wiley will be Cohen's other deputy. She was promoted to



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handle human resources, another troubled area within the agency. None of the previous top eight officials were fired by Deutch. Several retired and others were assigned to different positions.

In a related matter, Deutch said he is going to meet with key members of the Senate and House intelligence committees to discuss their concerns that the CIA willfully misled them by failing to disclose allegations that a CIA-paid agent in Guatemala, Julio Roberto Alpirez, may have been involved in the 1990 murder of William DeVine, an American innkeeper.

CIA Inspector General Frederick P. Hitz concluded in a 700-page report that the CIA's failure to inform Congress of what it knew about the colonel's link to the DeVine case for three years was "a result of management inattention" and not deliberate.

Describing himself as "completely committed to keeping Congress fully informed," Deutch said he "will find a way to [get] to the bottom" of the "small but critical point" of the disagreement between Hitz and the legislators about whether they had been misled by "willful intent."

Hitz is the highest-ranking CIA official to survive Deutch's sweep.

Deutch confirmed that he had assigned three aides to determine what disciplinary action would be taken against individuals named by Hitz for failures in their handling of the DeVine case and that of Efraim Bamaca Velasquez, the guerrilla husband of American lawyer Jennifer Harbury.

Bamaca was captured in 1992 by Guatemalan military units, tortured and apparently killed by them. Reports implicated Alpirez in Bamaca's torture and perhaps his death.

Harbury yesterday said she was filing a lawsuit against the CIA charging that the agency failed to provide her with information about her husband's death under the Freedom of Information Act. Deutch said he had not seen the suit but would "respond in an appropriate way. . . . We've made every effort we can to come to the truth of this matter and be as forthcoming about it as possible. We will continue to do that," he said.

Harbury said she had not received any information directly from CIA from FOIA requests filed last January. The only CIA material she had received came through the National Security Council. That heavily censored document, which purports to be from a CIA source, describes Alpirez as "the individual who killed Bamaca."

The Hitz report characterizes the document as the "only one report" with that information. Hitz described the information in it as "at least fourth-hand" and provided by a source "who had made contradictory statements earlier regarding Bamaca's fate."

Hitz wrote that "a substantial body of information contradicts that report and indicates instead that Bamaca was captured alive, interrogated by Alpirez and then removed from under his control by other military personnel."