

William Jackson CIA Deputy Director

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William H. Jackson, 70, a former deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency, died of heart failure Tuesday at his home in Tucson, Ariz.

The first member of his family in five generations who wasn't a farmer, Mr. Jackson was born on Belmead Plantation, the farm in Nashville, Tenn., that had the first racing colors in America.

A 1924 graduate of Princeton and a 1928 graduate of Harvard Law School, Mr. Jackson began his government service in 1942 when he entered the Army as a captain. At the time he was a partner in the law firm of Carter, Ledyard and Milburn.

After entering the Army he was assigned to the Army Air Corps Intelligence School at Harrisburg, Pa. He then went to London on an antisubmarine intelligence mission and shortly after became chief of strategic intelligence for Gen. Jacob L. Devers.



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William H. Jackson is shown being sworn in as a special assistant to President Eisenhower in 1956, succeeding Nelson Rockefeller, President Eisenhower looks on.

In 1946 he was named to the committee that produced the recommendations that lead to the creation of the Central Intelligence Agency in 1947. In 1950 he was ap-

pointed deputy director of the agency.

A year later he resigned his post "because of the pressures of private business" but stayed on part time as special assistant to the director.

Two years later he was called on to chair a seven-man presidential committee to review psychological strategy in the cold war.

Mr. Jackson's next government appointment was that of special assistant to President Eisenhower to assist in the execution of foreign policy. Some months later, he was named special assistant to the President for national security affairs.

After leaving government service for the last time, Mr. Jackson resumed his interest in investments by joining the firm of Glore, Forgan and Co.

Five years ago he retired to Tucson.

He is survived by four sons, William H. and Richard L., of Washington, and Bruce P. and Howell E., of Princeton, N.J.