

Carlucci Sees Broad Role In No. 2 Position at CIA

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Frank Carlucci, nominated to be No. 2 man at the troubled CIA, said yesterday he would take over "day-to-day operating responsibilities" of the spy agency from Adm. Stansfield Turner, whose abrasive methods have aroused widespread criticism.

Carlucci, now ambassador to Portugal and formerly a domestic policy-maker in the Nixon administration, testified at a confirmation hearing before the Senate Intelligence Committee.

He said he would discuss major policy issues with Director Turner, but "he and I anticipate that I will be able to take much of the agency decision-making."

That, he said, would leave Turner more time to exercise his new, expanded authority over all intelligence community agencies.

President Carter this week signed an executive order broadening Turner's mandate, a step that closely followed reports that national security affairs adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and others were seeking the admiral's removal.

There have been indications that Carlucci's appointment is partially aimed at restoring morale among CIA career employees, many of whom bitterly resent the brusque way Turner has handled the firing of several hundred senior spies.

Turner publicly referred to the complainers as "cry babies," provoking still more criticism inside and outside his agency.

Carlucci, whose CIA appointment is subject to Senate approval, fielded questions about his conduct as deputy budget director and under secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the Watergate era, and his role at the U. S. Embassy in the Congo during alleged assassination plots by the CIA.

He said he had no part in the political machinations of the Nixon administration and, as a "relatively junior" embassy officer in 1960, "I was not aware and nobody talked to me about" an unsuccessful CIA plot to kill Congolese Premier Patrice Lumumba.