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WASHINGTON AP - President-elect Nixon, here to confer with Republican congressional chiefs, announced today that J. Edgar Hoover has agreed to continue as FBI director and Richard Helms will remain on the job as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Shortly after Nixon's arrival here from New York for a visit of several hours, press spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler told newsmen Nixon had talked secretly and face to face with both Hoover and Helms in New York and had asked them to retain their posts. He said they had agreed to do so.

The two men apparently will stay on their jobs indefinitely.

In addition to meeting with GOP congressional leaders, Nixon plans a trip to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for his third postelection reunion with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower before returning to New York.

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NEW YORK AP - President-elect Nixon's first after-victory meeting with Republican congressional leaders today apparently will focus more on problems of his outnumbered party in the Senate and House than on national policy.

Nixon is flying to Washington meet with 12 top-ranking GOP members of Congress, then driving to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for his third postelection reunion with former President Dwight D. Eisenhower before returning to New York.

Aides said Nixon could hardly talk seriously about the policies and programs his administration will push since task forces studying major problem areas and recommending programs for the future have yet to report to him.

The President-elect will begin receiving these reports this week. While in the capital, Nixon also will announce he is retaining

72-year-old J. Edgar Hoover as director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. By federal law, Hoover would have been forced to retire in 1964 at age 70 except for an exemption granted him by President Johnson. Nixon will continue to honor the exemption.

It was not certain, however, that Hoover would remain at the helm of the FBI throughout the new President's term. Some sources said he was considering retirement in the next few years.

The Nixon meeting with Republican leaders of Congress was a bit unusual in that one outsider was included among the conferees-Ray Bliss, Chairman of the GOP National Committee.

Once in office, presidents normally do not invite their party chairman to such sessions.

But at this preinaugural meeting it was apparent that Nixon and those meeting with him would have to give particular attention to partisan strategy in the coming congressional session, where Democrats will outnumber Republicans in both houses.

On Sunday, Nixon and daughter Julie attended morning services at the Marble Collegiate Church and heard a prayer by the minister, the Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, for Johnson and the President-elect.

Julie will be married in Dr. Peale's church next Sunday to David Eisenhower, grandson of the former president.

In the afternoon, Nixon walked up Fifth Avenue from his apartment through streets covered with ice and snow to Temple Emanu-El for memorial services for Arthur Hays Sulzberger, retired publisher of The New York Times.

The President-elect returned to his apartment with Mrs. Nelson A. Rockefeller, wife of the New York governor, at his side. Rockefeller walked behind, chatting with Lt. Gov. Robert Finch of California, Nixon's choice to be secretary of health, education and welfare. The Nixons and the Rockefellers have apartments in the same building.

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