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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. AP - President Nixon announced Thursday he will name Brig. Gen. Vernon A. Walters, an Army intelligence officer who speaks eight languages, to the key post of deputy director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Walters, 55, has served as an official translator for Nixon and Presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson over the past 20 years. He has been with Nixon since the latter's vice-presidential days and was with him during the stoning incident in Venezuela in 1958.

Now a senior U.S. military attache in Paris, Walters has served in Vietnam and at posts around the world.

If confirmed by the Senate, he will become a lieutenant general and take over the \$40,000-a-year post left vacant when Gen. Richard E. Cushman became commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps on Jan.

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A New Yorker, educated abroad, his language proficiency includes Russian.

With this appointment, Nixon is continuing the trend of recent years of having a civilian and military man share the top jobs in the influential intelligence agency.

The CIA is headed by Richard M. Helms, a civilian and former newspaperman, who has had a career as an undercover agent from World War II until President Johnson named him CIA chief in 1965.

Walters' appointment had been expected, but there were reports Nixon delayed making known his intentions because of reported opposition from Sen. John C. Stennis, D-Miss., chairman of the Armed Services Committee, who was said to favor a civilian for the post.

The National Security Act of 1947, which set up the CIA, prohibits both top posts going to military men.

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Nixon made the appointment from the Florida White House where he is on a visit expected to last through the weekend.

Beside resting up after his arduous China trip, the chief executive was reported focusing on domestic matters with some top aides.

In another action Thursday, he resubmitted to Congress his million-dollar national health care legislation with a plea to get it passed quickly "so that we can end at the earliest possible time the individual anguishes, the needless neglects and the family financial fears caused by gaps, inequities and maladjustments of the present system."

Among goals of Nixon's health program would be a National Health Insurance Standards Act to require employers to provide adequate health insurance for the employees, who would share in underwriting the costs. Also, it would eliminate the monthly premium of \$5.80 paid by those over 65 years of age for medicare coverage.

Deputy press secretary Gerald I. Warren said Nixon was at work early this morning and conferred on domestic matters with presidential assistants John Ehrlichman and H. R. Haldeman and met with National Security Adviser Henry A. Kissinger.

The President signed five bills, including one to authorize appropriation of \$4.3 million to the states for celebration of the American Revolution bicentennial.

Nixon also was enjoying some outings with his daughter, Julie Eisenhower, and Florida friend and neighbor C. G. Bebe Rebozo. They all went out for a steak dinner Wednesday night and took a two-hour houseboat ride in sunny weather on Biscayne Bay Thursday afternoon.

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