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Colby Sworn In as CIA Chief

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President Nixon watched the swearing-in of his new Central Intelligence Agency director yesterday and then made one request: He wanted to learn what was "going to happen" from the CIA rather than reading about it in the newspapers.

"That is a very direct charge," replied William E. Colby, the man who once directed the American pacification program in Vietnam.

Mr. Nixon praised Colby, 53, as "a true professional" and a "Distinguished public servant."

"... His appointment has met with, I would say, almost universal acclaim ... and with a very overwhelming vote in the Senate," the President said. "I would point out, too, that his career of service in the CIA is not as well known as most because, as we all know, in that particular organization your successes usually must remain unknown and your failures become known."

The Minnesota-born Colby was known as "the professional's professional" within the CIA. He rose through the ranks after a World War II career with the Office of Strategic Services that included parachute drops into occupied France and Norway.

The oath-taking ceremony in the President's oval office was witnessed by members of Colby's family, Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger, Secretary of State-designate Henry A. Kissinger and Admiral Thomas H. Moorer, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The oath was administered by U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr.

In a brief response Colby pledged that the CIA would seek to serve "in protecting our national security and welfare."

"I take it as a major charge to fulfill both meanings of the word 'intelligence,'" Colby said. "The one is the official meaning of an intelligence organization ... but the second

meaning is the application of the human quality of intelligence to be able to analyze facts and come out with assessments and judgments about them."

Mr. Nixon recalled that he had first met Colby when he was directing the pacification program in Vietnam. The hard work of Colby and others, the

President said, had succeeded "in building South Vietnam into a viable peacetime country."

The President nominated Colby last May to succeed



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President Nixon congratulates new CIA Director William E. Colby before White House swearing-in ceremony. Looking on are Mrs. Colby and Judge George L. Hart.

Schlesinger, who replaced Richard Helms, the CIA chief under President Johnson whom Mr. Nixon made ambassador to Iran.

The swearing-in ceremony was the first official business since Mr. Nixon returned early Saturday from a two-week trip to Key Biscayne and San Clemente. Mr. Nixon met Saturday morning with Vice President Spiro Agnew and with counselor Melvin R. Laird.

White House officials predicted throughout Mr. Nixon's stay in California that a "more visible President" would soon be in the offing. But at the daily White House briefing yesterday, White House spokesman Gerald L. Warren insisted that published and televised reports of scheduled appearances were premature.

Decisions have not yet been reached on Mr. Nixon's next public appearances or when he will hold another news conference, Warren said.

Warren did announce that Mr. Nixon would hold a cabinet meeting this week and also would meet with Republican congressional leaders.

Another meeting that is under consideration is a session with GOP state chairmen, who will be in Washington this Sunday to attend a meeting of the Republican National Committee.

Mr. Nixon^{3 SEP} returned to the White House at 10:15 p.m. Monday and spent his first evening there since Aug. 16. He escaped the weekend heat at Camp David with his family and close friend Charles (Bebe) Rebozo.

Aides said that Mr. Nixon swam every day in the pool, walked in the woods, watched movies and saw the Sunday broadcast of the football game between the Washington Redskins and the New England Patriots.

The President announced yesterday that he will nominate Vice Chairman George H. Hearn of Brooklyn, N.Y., for a new five-year term on the Federal Maritime Commission.

Hearn, a Democrat, has served since 1964 in the \$38,000-a-year post.