

Nixon Reorganizes Intelligence Work

WASHINGTON, Nov. 5 (UPI)—The White House announced today that President Nixon had ordered an overhaul of the Government's intelligence operations, assigning Richard Helms, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a broader over-all supervisory role.

Administration officials said that Mr. Helms would be freed from some operational responsibilities at the C.I.A. and assume "communitywide responsibilities" in the United States foreign intelligence gathering operations.

Intelligence Board Revived

Congress has been sharply critical of what it called the lack of coordination in the intelligence gathering field. Members of the House and Senate committees that act as C.I.A. "watchdogs" were not immediately available for comment, however.

The reorganization also revived the United States intelligence Board, whose membership will include Mr. Helms;

J. Edgar Hoover, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; the chief of the Defense Intelligence Agency, and representatives of other agencies with a stake in intelligence operations.

The White House announcement listed the following steps that will be taken:

¶Mr. Helms will assume "enhanced leadership" in planning, reviewing, coordinating and evaluating all intelligence programs and activities.

¶An intelligence committee will be set up within the National Security Council, which will be headed by Henry A. Kissinger, presidential adviser on national security affairs. The committee will include the C.I.A. director, the Attorney General, the Under Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of Defense and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

¶A "net assessment group" will be established within the National Security Council, which will be responsible for reviewing and evaluating all intelligence.

¶An "Intelligence Resources

Advisory Committee," headed by Mr. Helms, will advise on the preparation of a consolidated intelligence program budget.

The White House said that a National Cryptologic Command, a code-breaking organization, would be set up under the National Security Agency to consolidate work now being carried out in various agencies.

In addition the President ordered reorganization of the United States Intelligence Board, with the director of the C.I.A. as chairman. The board will consist of the deputy C.I.A. director, the director of the Bureau of Intelligence and Research of the State Department, the director of the National Security Agency, the director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, representatives of the Treasury, F.B.I. and Atomic Energy Commission. The board will advise the C.I.A. director on intelligence requirements and priorities as well as the protection of intelligence sources and methods.

President Nixon also was reported to have "directed certain changes" in the Defense Department intelligence organization although these were not specified. The object of the reforms was to increase and improve quality, the White House said.