

CIA Finally Moves to Reorganize

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The new director of the Central Intelligence Agency has begun the long-promised reorganization of the vast U.S. intelligence community with an eye toward streamlining his own agency and bringing military intelligence under closer civilian control.

At the peak of the Vietnam war, the U.S. intelligence community employed 150,000 persons and spent \$6 billion a year, a growth that led to duplication, interagency bickering and jurisdictional jealousies that horrified President Nixon.

In his first month on the job, James R. Schlesinger has moved three choices of his own into top jobs at the CIA, forced out two members of the old guard and set about the task of bringing under CIA control the three other federal services that with the CIA make up the bulk of the U.S. intelligence community.

STUDY

This assessment of Schlesinger's first month as CIA director came from an authoritative source, who said that Schlesinger is acting on the personal instructions of the President. It was Schlesinger who directed a massive study of the intelligence community when he was a member of the Office of Management and Budget in 1971.

Paring of the Defense Department's intelligence activities began even before Schlesinger moved into the CIA. Manpower at the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Security Agency and the intelligence branches of the four armed services had climbed above 100,000 at one point.

One source on Capitol Hill said that \$1 billion had been cut from the budget of the Defense Intelligence Agency alone. Another source disagreed about the size but only mildly, saying, "It wasn't that much of a cut,

but it was a good-sized bite."

Since becoming director, Schlesinger has made five key moves in his attempts to strengthen the CIA.

ESPIONAGE

Schlesinger appointed William E. Colby as deputy director of Plans, which is the CIA title for the man who heads up the agency's espionage operations or "Department of Dirty Tricks." Now 53 years old, Colby was onetime head of the U.S. pacification program in South Vietnam.

The new CIA director pulled a pair of generals out of the Pentagon to serve on the newly formed Intelligence Resource Advisory Committee. They are Army Major General Daniel O. Graham and Air Force Major General Lew Allen, both of whom have served in military intelligence and whom Schlesinger has known and admired since his own days with the Rand Corp.

The going is expected to get tough quite soon, since it is understood that Schlesinger plans a complete overhauling of the CIA. One source described the CIA as an "old boy network" that had been allowed to grow unchecked since it was created by President Truman in 1947. The CIA now employs 15,000 persons and has a budget of \$600 million a year.

OVERHAUL

Schlesinger has already forced two old CIA hands into early retirement. One is Bronson Tweedy, a former deputy to outgoing CIA Director Richard M. Helms. The other is Thomas Parrott, a deputy to Tweedy who had been at the CIA since 1961.

Schlesinger is said to believe that the CIA must shift gears now that the Vietnam war is over. He is said to think that the Middle East should now be the focus of

CIA attention, particularly since the Soviet Union is understood to be moving some of its activities out of the Mediterranean and into the Persian Gulf.

The new CIA director is also said to believe that the CIA ought to change its role with the changing times. One source said that Schlesinger believes the CIA must gather more intelligence about international crime, terrorism and narcotics traffic.

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