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Bigger Role for CIA

Washington

President Nixon announced yesterday an increased leadership role of the director of the Central Intelligence Agency and moves to improve the "efficiency and effectiveness of the U. S. foreign intelligence community."

The move was described as a step towards "tighter integration" of agencies, including the Defense Department, involved in intelligence op-

erations.

The White House said the move was not prompted by any dissatisfaction with the CIA intelligence efforts, but rather to try to improve the product generally.

It was described as the result of "an exhaustive study" conducted within the administration.

Some of the major changes include giving CIA Director Richard Helms a bigger staff to free him from day - to -

day operational responsibilities and give him more time to devote to leadership and to coordinate and review the national intelligence programs.

It also would reconstitute the U.S. Intelligence Board to set up priorities for gathering national intelligence, supervising its dissemination and protecting the security of intelligence material, sources and methods.

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