

Helms Will Leave CIA For Another U.S. Post

Key Biscayne, Fla.

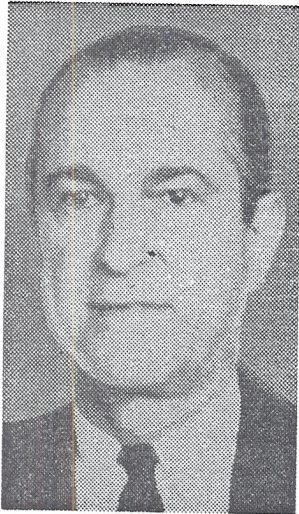
Richard Helms will leave his post as head of the Central Intelligence Agency soon, probably to accept another government job, administration sources said yesterday.

If Helms, who has headed the nation's intelligence operation since 1966, takes the job President Nixon has offered him, he will become the newest component of the President's round-robin government shakeup.

Mr. Nixon has announced more than a dozen appointments at the Cabinet level or just below for his second term which begins on January 20. But the widely heralded reorganization has produced just two new faces so far.

Administration sources who confirmed that Helms would leave the CIA declined to say what new job he had been offered. A CIA employee since it was formed in 1947, Helms was named director by former President Lyndon B. Johnson and was retained in that post by Mr. Nixon for four years.

Mr. Nixon decided to extend his long weekend at his



RICHARD HELMS
Director of CIA

Key Biscayne villa until at least today. The White House said he conferred by telephone with Henry A. Kissinger before the national security adviser left Washington for Paris to resume the Vietnam peace talks.

James R. Schlesinger, chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, was rumored to be a candidate to succeed Helms.

Schlesinger, who was a top official of the Office of Management and Budget be-

fore moving to the AEC, is a prime example of the "modular men" in Mr. Nixon's administration. Rumors circulated that Schlesinger would become director of OMB before Roy Ash was appointed to that post last week.

PHRASE

"Modular men" is a phrase taken from the field of engineering, where modular components of electronic equipment and other machinery are designed to be installed as replaceable units. The term was used in the book "Future Shock" to refer to administrators who can be figuratively unplugged from one job and plugged into another, even if it is in a different field.

White House Press Secretary Ronald L. Ziegler said Donald Rumsfeld, a counselor to the President and director of the Cost of Living Council, is not under consideration for the CIA post.

Ziegler said Rumsfeld, another of the administration's roving executives, will take another high level position to be announced soon.

In the major appointments announced last week, Mr. Nixon shifted Health Education and Welfare Secretary Elliot Richardson to Defense Secretary, and switched OMB director Caspar W. Weinberger to HEW secretary. Ash, the millionaire Litton Industries president who headed Mr. Nixon's reorganization panel two years ago, was appointed OMB director.

SCHULTZ

George P. Schultz, who held three Cabinet-level posts in Nixon's first term, was reappointed as Treasury Secretary but with expanded duties and an additional title—assistant to the President—and a White House office in addition to his desk at the Treasury Department.

Ash and Labor Secretary-designate Peter Brennan are the only completely new faces in the Nixon second term team announced so far.

Two Cabinet members, Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird and Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, have announced that they plan to leave the Government soon.

Labor Secretary James D. Hodgson is being replaced but the White House said he had been offered another job, which he was considering.

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