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(380) FIRST LEAD RABORN

JOHNSON CITY, TEX., APRIL 11 (AP)-WILLIAM F. RABORN, JR., 59, RETIRED VICE ADMIRAL (CQ) WHO HELPED DEVELOP THE NAVY'S POLARIS MISSILE, WAS CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON TODAY TO HEAD THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

RABORN, AS CIA DIRECTOR, WILL SUCCEED JOHN A. MCCONE, A WEST COAST INDUSTRIALIST, WHO TOOK OVER THE CIA JOB IN NOVEMBER, 1961, UNDER A RECESS APPOINTMENT. AFTER HIS NAVY RETIREMENT, RABORN BECAME A VICE PRESIDENT OF AEROJET GENERAL CORP., IN PASADENA, CALIF..

THERE HAD BEEN INDICATIONS AS FAR BACK AS EARLY DECEMBER THAT MCCONE HAD TOLD PRESIDENT JOHNSON THAT HE WOULD LIKE TO BE RELEASED FROM HIS DUTIES SO AS TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LIFE.

THE ULTRA-SECRET CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY IS THE UNITED STATES' MOST SENSITIVE INFORMATION GATHERING ORGANIZATION. ITS ACTUAL SIZE IN NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES HAS NEVER BEEN DISCLOSED AND THE AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT FOR ITS OPERATION ALSO IS CONCEALED.

PRESIDENT JOHNSON MADE THE SURPRISE ANNOUNCEMENT OF RABORN'S SELECTION AFTER SIGNING THE \$1.3 BILLION SCHOOL AID BILL AT A CEREMONY OUTSIDE THE OLD BUILDING WHERE HE FIRST WENT TO SCHOOL.

RICHARD G. HELMS WAS NAMED BY THE PRESIDENT TO BE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA.

THE PRESIDENT BROUGHT RABORN TO HIS TEXAS RANCH YESTERDAY.

ASKED TODAY WHEN RABORN WOULD TAKE OVER HIS NEW JOB, THE PRESIDENT SAID RABORN WILL RETURN WITH HIM TO WASHINGTON ON MONDAY.

MCCONE, AT 62, HAS HELD POSITIONS OF HIGH RESPONSIBILITY UNDER THE LAST FOUR PRESIDENTS. HE WAS DEPUTY TO THE UNDERSECRETARY OF DEFENSE IN 1948 AND UNDERSECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE IN 1950-51. IN 1958 HE BECAME CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION AND IN 1961 TOOK OVER THE CIA POST.

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RABORN, A NATIVE OF DECATUR, TEX., WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR DEVELOPING THE FLEET BALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEM--NOTABLY THE POLARIS.

HE RETIRED FROM THE NAVY ON SEPT. 1, 1963 AND BECAME A VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OF THE AEROJET GENERAL CORP. HIS HOME IS IN PASADENA, CALIF.

HELMS SUCCEEDS LT. GEN. MARSHALL S. CARTER AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF CIA. A ONE TIME REPORTER, HE HAS BEEN CIA'S DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS SINCE THE AGENCY WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1947.

RABORN WAS BORN JUNE 8, 1905. A 1928 GRADUATE OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY AT ANNAPOLIS, HE WAS A NAVAL AVIATOR, AND DURING WORLD WAR II, A COMMAND OFFICER IN THE PACIFIC. HE WAS AWARDED THE SILVER STAR FOR CONSPICUOUS GALLANTRY IN 1945.

FOR HIS WORK ON THE POLARIS, RABORN WAS AWARDED THE DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL AND WAS PROMOTED IN 1962 TO DEPUTY CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS FOR RESEARCH.

HE IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER MILDRED T. TERRELL OF BAYTOWN, TEX. THEY HAVE TWO CHILDREN.

HELMS WAS BORN MARCH 30, 1913, AT SAINT DAVIS, PA. HE WAS A PHI BETA KAPPA STUDENT AT WILLIAMS COLLEGE, WILLIAMSTOWN, MASS., GRADUATING IN 1935.

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