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Senate Unit OKs General For CIA

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The Senate Armed Services Committee yesterday approved as day-to-day working head of the Central Intelligence Agency an Army general who came up from the ranks.

Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) called the rise of Major General Vernon Anthony Walters, 55, an American success story.

Walters, who has no college degree, speaks eight languages and entered the Army as an enlisted man and spent most of his career in military intelligence. Twenty-four of his 31 Army years have been spent overseas.

The next step for the nomination is a Senate floor vote.

In the past 10 years Walters served as Army attache in Rome and Rio de Janeiro, and as Special Projects Officer, NATO. In the latter assignment he served as interpreter for the President, cabinet officers and service chiefs.

President Nixon in reorganizing the American intelligence community made CIA head Richard Helms responsible for supervising and coordinating the effort spread through several services and agencies. This leaves routine to the CIA deputy director, the post Walters has been nominated to.

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