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Henry Varnum Poor, former diplomat, CIA executive and associate law dean at Yale, died Tuesday in his home in this Long Island town. He was 58.

Poor had been a vice president of the National Strategy Information Center in New York since 1971, when he left Yale after serving for eight years as associate dean of the university's law school.

He was born in New York on Jan. 7, 1914, and graduated cum laude from Harvard in 1936. He received a law degree from Yale in 1942.

Poor served as a diplomat in U.S. missions in Montreal and Johannesburg before World War II, and was an executive of the CIA in 1951-52.

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