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Espionage Chief

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Washington

James R. Schlesinger, the new director of Central Intelligence, has named William E. Colby, former head of the American pacification program in South Vietnam and a long-time intelligence operative, as director of clandestine operations.

Knowledgeable sources said yesterday that Colby, 53, formally known inside

the agency as the deputy director of plans, Colby will be in charge of all CIA espionage activities and covert operations, widely known in Washington as the "department of dirty tricks."

Colby's previous position, executive director of the agency, a post combining the functions of the inspector general and controller,

has been abolished by Schlesinger.

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