

Ford Sets New Policy on Getting CIA Reports

Washington

In a move that pleases U.S. intelligence officials, President Ford has reversed a policy of his predecessor and is now receiving his daily written report on global intelligence matters directly from the Central Intelligence Agency.

During the Nixon years, according to White House sources, the daily CIA Current intelligence report for the President was generally received in the Oval Office either via Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who also serves as the President's national security adviser, or senior White House aides.

One result of this proce-

cedure, sources say, was that the CIA was never precisely sure how much the President saw or read and what, if any, questions or comments he raised.

Mr. Ford began receiving his reports directly from the CIA when he was vice president, and asked that the practice be continued after he assumed the presidency.

The intelligence report is said to be delivered by a middle-level CIA official. Sources say Kissinger's White House deputy on the National Security Council staff, General Brent Scowcroft, is frequently present in the President's office when the CIA report is presented.

The CIA prepares a secret current intelligence report daily which gets fairly wide distribution throughout the government. But the report that goes to the President is of a more detailed and frequently broader nature.

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Diplomatic Step

Rawalpindi

India and Pakistan Saturday took a firm step toward normalizing relations when they signed three agreements to restore postal services, telephone, telegraph and travel links cut during the 1971 war.

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