speculation. But high-ranking congressional hearings into on as director until the current Colby fully expected to carry tamily." said one high-ranking agency remained of morale out here," spotlight of congressional an agency already reeling of Central Intelligence Agency director William E. Colby official sources said that disguised leaks from White functionary. "It was like a exposure. came as a devastating blow to House sources and in public ong-heralded in uneral - a death in the investigations and press under the Colby's departure has been "This did it for whatever The timing of the dismissa Washington Post Staff Writer By Laurence Stern WXPost unaccustomed thinky hour Sunday that press inquiries began flowing into the agency requesting con-firmation of reports that he "I serve at the pleasure of the President" or "I'm exclosest associates were caught pendable at any time." go through the remaining two-Colby had been meeting all the predicament of having to unawares, as it turned out, by such stiff-lipped responses as departure from the CIA with inquiries about his impending had been fired by the the timing of President Ford. President. learned, was not told of his dismissal until virtually the around the end of the year. and final reports were drafted CIA activities were completed But he and some of his The CIA now finds itself in During the past few months The intelligence chief, it was on such issues as whether covert operations should be abolished or what sort of congressional oversight arrangements should be which come up during the congressional hearings," said could not one senior official. "The effect opinions on the range of issues no matter how quick a study he is, to testify convincingly to Peking, George Bush, has Colby's expected replacement, the U.S. envoy ability of Colby's successor, siders are skeptical about the thirds of its hearings on Capitol Hill with a new and had no substantial experience in intelligence work. provided. witness table. "Anyone coming in fresh inexperienced director at the High-ranking agency inpossibly have AT SEA STATE it almost impossible for his successor to "be his own dismissal of Colby was a comment of Rep. Michael Harrington (D-Mass.), who man." that Colby's ouster will make One member of the House intelligence committee held future. deliberations on the agency's executive and legislative emerges whatever reorganization plan with public criticism of new director may be saddled community. Furthermore, the vestigations of the intelligence the Senate and House inexcesses still to emerge from remaining revelations of CIA pointment could also taint intelligence community." The timing of the apcould well be to devastate the Colby's successor with the An ironic postscript to the transportation, agriculture, trom current office for his state in Kharhydroelectric power, animal husbandry said the Tennesseans can help Jaafar el Numairi, Blanton Blanton met with President Tennessee plans to open a agency said. news agency said Monday. toum, the official Sudanese the Sudanese develop river (AP)-Gov. Ray Blanton of Tennessee- Sudan Tie of the late Salvador Allende's affairs of other countries, KHARTOUM, Sudan, Nov. 3 probably was disposed of as a government in Chile. particularly in the overthrow involvement in the internal congressional critic of CIA has emerged as the most vocal 'reckless spiller of beans." Colby, said Harrington.

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