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Helms Quitting Iranian Post

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Richard Helms, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, has decided to retire as ambassador to Iran. U.S. officials said Tuesday.

The 64-year-old Helms notified President Ford of his intention to retire several days ago, the sources said, but Mr. Ford decided to hold back the announcement until after the election. Helms will remain in office until the end of the year.

Helms was CIA director from 1966 to 1973, a period covering some of the most controversial activities of the agency.

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