WASHINGTON, Jan. 17 (UPI)—President Ford Monday awarded the National Security Medal to the outgoing director of Central Intelligence, George Bush, for "public service of the highest order." Mr. Bush will have served less than a year when his resignation takes effect Thursday. He was appointed Jan. 30 last year to replace William E. Colby, who was dismissed by Mr. Ford along with then Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger. The President said Mr. Bush "did much to restore America's confidence in its intelligence agencies." JAN 1 9 1977