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# Carter Urged To Keep Bush As CIA Chief

Washington

Ronald Reagan had some advice yesterday for President Carter: retain George Bush as Central Intelligence Agency director.

The former California governor and contender for the Republican presidential nomination last year said Carter "could do worse than retain the man who's in there now (Bush)."

"He took over the job in difficult times and rebuilt morale in the agency," Reagan said. "We need someone who would be devoted to an effective CIA, because we literally are flying blind today in a dangerous world."

Reagan reportedly was horrified at the prospect of Theodore Sorensen, Carter's nominee for CIA director, heading the nation's counterintelligence effort. Sorensen refused the nomination during hearings on his qualifications.

Reagan contended in a television interview that the Soviet Union has quadrupled its counterintelligence effort in recent years and said the United States needs in its CIA director someone "who recognizes the world danger in the greatest buildup of offensive power (by the Soviets) since the Hitler buildup of the Wehrmacht."

Until now, Reagan has generally refrained from criticizing Carter. But on his current speaking tour, his first since Carter's inauguration, the former presidential candidate has sharpened his attack on the Democratic chief executive.

Yesterday was Reagan's 66th birthday—he jokingly said he was celebrating "the 27th anniversary of my 39th birthday"—and spent part of it at a private party in nearby Alexandria, Va., with some of his presidential campaign aides and supporters.

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