

# 'Higher Up,' Haldeman Told Helms

WASHINGTON — (AP) — Richard M. Helms, former director of the Central Intelligence Agency, told the Watergate grand jury that when H. R. Haldeman tried to enlist CIA aid in covering up the incident, he told Helms the request was coming from "higher up," the Washington Star-News has reported.

At the time of the Helms-Haldeman meeting, on June 23, 1972, there was only one person higher up than Haldeman — the President, the Star-News said in its Sunday editions.

Helms, now ambassador to Iran made the statement to the grand jury Friday, the paper said. 18 MAY

There is no indication that Haldeman actually used Nixon's name in the meeting with Helms, the Star-News said. Nor could its sources say Helms was able to ascertain that the request actually was coming from the President.

But it said members of Congress stress that when requests were made by aides with the authority of Haldeman, the authority of the President himself was taken for granted.

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