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## Gen. Wilson Called President's Choice To Lead Marines

WASHINGTON, April 27—Lieutenant Gen. Louis H. Wilson, the head of Pacific area operations for the Marine Corps, has been chosen by President Ford to succeed Gen. Robert E. Cushman as the Marine Corps Commandant, a Ford Administration source said today.

The source added that a formal announcement of General Wilson's succession to the Marine Corps' top job would be delayed until later this spring, when General Cushman expected to retire.

General Cushman served as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence the nation's second-ranking intelligence post, until taking command of the corps in January of 1972.

As Deputy Director, he approved the Central Intelligence Agency's provision of certain technical assistance to E. Howard Hunt Jr., a former C.I.A. operative who worked in 1971 as a member of the "plumbers" spying group within the Nixon White House.

General Wilson, who now commands 60,000 marines attached to the Marine fleet in the Pacific, is 55 years old. He was awarded the Medal of Honor for his heroism in the South Pacific during World War II.

President Ford's selection of General Wilson as the Marine Corps next Commandant has been viewed as a defeat for Gen. Earl E. Anderson, currently the Assistant Commandant, whose bid to follow General Cushman had won strong support among other Marine officers.

The official White House spokesman said he that would not comment on who General Cushman's successor might be and that the White House had nothing to announce on the matter at this time.