Moyers Rumored a Top

Washington

Bill Moyers, a former top aide to President Lyndon B. Johnson, is a front runner to become CIA director in the Carter administration, informed sources said yesterday.

White House press secretary

Jody Powell has said President Carter might announce his choice for the job this week.

Moyers would be Carter's second nominee to head the Central Intelligence Agency. His first, Theodore C. Sorensen, a former aide to President John F. Kennedy, withdrew a week ago Monday in the

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face of stiff Senate opposition.

Moyers, 42, currently anchorman and chief reporter for "CBS Reports," was not available for comment.

Others mentioned for the job have included Paul Warnke, former assistant defense secretary for national security affairs, and retired Army Lieutenant General James M. Gavin.

It was learned that Gavin, 70, who was suggested to Carter by House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, is handicapped in the consideration by his age.

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