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Schultz Reported Choice to Head CIA

Washington

George P. Schultz, a cabinet member in the Nixon administration, was reported yesterday to be President Ford's choice to head a reorganized CIA. But the White House said there are no plans to replace director William E. Colby.

At a news briefing, Presidential Press Secretary Ron Nessen said Mr. Ford believes Colby is doing a good job and that "there are no plans to replace Colby." He also said, "Schultz has not been approached."

But his statements did not quiet the reports that Schultz is in line for the job when the investigations are completed and the

agency is reorganized, possibly later this year.

(Schultz, reached last night at his Peninsula home, said he had not been contacted by Washington for the CIA job. He said he would refuse such an appointment because he was content with his teaching job at the Stanford University business school and with his position as president of the Bechtel Corp. in San Francisco.)

President Ford is said to be planning to disclose a series of new proposals to shake up the CIA and revise some of its operations after revelations by the Rockefeller Commission and congressional committees investigating covert activities of the agency.

The reforms will await completion of the congressional investigations, and Mr. Ford reportedly is in no hurry to replace Colby until the reorganization proposals are in place.

According to the sources, Schultz has not been definitely chosen. They said other names are being considered, but they said Schultz is the only one who fits all the job requirements Mr. Ford has set.

- Being an experienced and successful top government administrator, Schultz was one of the untarnished stars of Richard M. Nixon's Presidency, and served as labor secretary, director of the office of Budget and Management

and treasury secretary with good records.

- Being a national figure with no ambitions for the Presidency or other high elective office.

- Having the strength to hold his own and better with strongmen inside the CIA and in the intelligence community.

- Being admired and amiable enough to carry out needed reforms, and, at the same time, rebuild the battered morale of the CIA.

- Having excellent relations with Congress.

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