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WASHINGTON, JUNE 23 (AP)—THE MAN CHOSEN TO BE AMERICA'S CHIEF OF SPIES STEPPED OUT OF THE OFFICIAL SHADOWS BRIEFLY TODAY TO DISCLAIM ANY POLICYMAKING ROLE FOR THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

RICHARD M. HELMS, NAMED BY PRESIDENT JOHNSON SATURDAY TO SUCCEED W. F. RABORN AS DIRECTOR OF THE CIA, RECEIVED A FRIENDLY RECEPTION IN THE CHANDELIER-HUNG HEADQUARTERS OF THE SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

HIS NOMINATION WAS APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE AFTER A SERIES OF QUESTIONS RELATING TO THE ROW OVER THE SENATE'S CIA SUPERVISION, NOW IN THE HANDS OF A PANEL OF SEVEN READED BY SEN. RICHARD B. RUSSELL, D-GA., CHAIRMAN OF THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE.

HOWEVER, THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE CONTENDS CIA ACTIVITIES HAVE AN IMPACT ON FOREIGN POLICY AND HAS APPROVED A RESOLUTION THAT WOULD PUT THREE OF ITS MEMBERS ON RUSSELL'S CIA SUBCOMMITTEE NOW LIMITED TO SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED SERVICES AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES.

SITTING AT THE END OF A LONG TABLE, HELMS SAID "THERE IS NEVER ANY EFFORT TO INFLUENCE THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION ONE WAY OR THE OTHER" ON FOREIGN POLICY.

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HELM, A LEAN, BRISK MAN OF 53, PICTURED THE AGENCY AS BEING UNDER THE CLOSE SUPERVISION OF THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, HEADED BY THE PRESIDENT, AND WITH A BUDGET THAT IS GONE OVER LINE BY LINE BY THE BUDGET BUREAU.

HE SAID ALSO THAT CIA MISSIONS OVERSEAS ARE, BY PRESIDENTIAL FIAT, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE AMBASSADOR AND CANNOT GO OFF ON THEIR OWN.

"THIS IS QUITE CLEAR," SAID HELMS.

THE PRESENT DISPUTE STEMS IN PART FROM RABORN'S REFUSAL TO ANSWER SOME QUESTIONS PUT TO HIM BY SEN. J. W. FULBRIGHT, D-ARK., AND HIS FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN A FEBRUARY BRIEFING. RABORN IN A LETTER TO FULBRIGHT LAST WEEK SAID THE ONLY QUESTIONS HE HAD DECLINED TO ANSWER DEALT WITH SOURCES AND METHODS, NOT "SUBSTANTIVE INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION."

FULBRIGHT IS UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE ASKED WHETHER THE CIA WAS USING ANY SCHOLARSHIP OR RESEARCH PROGRAMS AS COVER IN ITS INTELLIGENCE-GATHERING ACTIVITIES.

SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, R-MASS., THE RANKING REPUBLICAN ON THE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE AND A MEMBER OF THE CIA SUBCOMMITTEE, ASKED HELMS TODAY WHETHER IT IS HIS INTENTION TO GIVE COMMITTEES OF CONGRESS INFORMATION THEY REQUEST, WITHIN THE LIMITS ON HIS AUTHORITY IMPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT.

"THAT IS MY INTENTION," HELMS REPLIED. AFTERWARD RUSSELL SAID THAT HELMS MEANT HE WOULD GIVE ANY INFORMATION "EXCEPT SOURCES AND METHODS." AND RUSSELL SAID THE BAR AGAINST GIVING SUCH DATA IS "SPELLED OUT IN THE LAW."

SEN. HENRY M. JACKSON, D-WASH., TOLD HELMS THAT THE CHARGES THAT APPROVED FOR RELEASE 2000/05/05 : CIA-RDP75-00001R000100130032-8 DEGREE OF PROFESSIONALISM AND COMPETENCE" WITHIN THE CIA.

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HELMS IS A FORMER NEWSPAPER MAN AND NAVY OFFICER WHO SERVED WITH THE OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES IN WORLD WAR II. HE HAS BEEN WITH THE CIA SINCE ITS FORMATION IN 1947 AND ITS DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IN THAT CAPACITY, HELMS WAS IN CHARGE OF PLANS--MEANING COVERT OPERATIONS--BUT HE TOLD THE COMMITTEE ALL HIS CIA SERVICE HAS BEEN IN WASHINGTON.

JACKSON TOLD NEWSMEN THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE'S RESOLUTION HAS SO LITTLE SUPPORT HE QUESTIONS WHETHER IT EVER WILL REACH THE FLOOR.

BUT SEN. EUGENE J. MCCARTHY, D-MINN., SAID LATER THIS IS NOT THE CASE. MCCARTHY, WHO WROTE THE RESOLUTION, SAID IT WILL BE INTRODUCED AFTER THE JULY 4 HOLIDAY WEEK.

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