

EXTRACT FROM  
PRESS CONFERENCE NO. 65 OF THE  
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

11:40 A.M. EDST  
Saturday  
June 18, 1966  
In The President's Office  
At The White House

I TODAY ACCEPTED WITH REGRET THE RESIGNATION OF ADMIRAL  
WILLIAM F. RABORN AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY.

TO REPLACE ADMIRAL RABORN, I AM NAMING RICHARD MCGARRAH HELMS,  
WHO IS CURRENTLY SERVING AS DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF THE CIA.

QUESTION: MR. PRESIDENT, WOULD YOU CARE TO AMPLIFY ON  
YOUR BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENT OF ADMIRAL RABORN'S RESIGNATION? IS IT  
HEALTH OR OTHER AFFAIRS?

THE PRESIDENT: ADMIRAL RABORN HAD RETIRED. I ASKED HIM ON  
THE RESIGNATION OF MR. MCCONE TO COME HERE TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD THAT  
WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO HIM. I TOLD HIM AT THAT TIME THAT MR. HELMS WOULD  
BE HIS DEPUTY DIRECTOR. I ALSO TOLD HIM I WOULD HOPE THAT MR. HELMS COULD  
SUCCEED HIM AT THE END OF HIS TOUR OF DUTY.

HE CONSIDERED MY REQUEST. ALTHOUGH HE HAD NO DESIRE TO RETURN  
TO WASHINGTON, HE AGREED TO COME AND SERVE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. HE  
HAS DONE THAT. NOW HE DESIRES TO RETURN TO CALIFORNIA.

MR. HELMS IS AGREEABLE TO TAKING THAT RESPONSIBILITY HERETOFORE  
ADMINISTERED BY ADMIRAL RABORN.