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Julian Barber is substituting for Sam Donaldson.

BARBER: "President Johnson held a news conference at the White House today and it produced some surprises. Number one was the announcement that CIA Chief William Rayborn has resigned and will be succeeded by his Deputy, Richard Helms. For sometime there've been reports of unhappiness at high levels within the CIA about Rayborn's direction of the agency.

"Helms, the new Chief, is 53 years old and joined the CIA when it was formed 19 years ago. He becomes the first career employee to head the agency. Helm's promotion from Deputy Director must be approved by the Senate, but no trouble is expected."