

# Colby Cites Friction on Policy, Disclosures

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Fired CIA Director William E. Colby said today that he had occasional disagreements with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger over intelligence policy and the extent of disclosures to be made to the public.

On at least one occasion, Colby said, he and Kissinger had to call on President Ford to settle their dispute.

But in a breakfast meeting with a group of reporters, Colby provided no details on the disagreements he had with Kissinger,

"OBVIOUSLY, from time to time Henry and I have disagreed," Colby said. "We've disagreed right in front of the President on intelligence assessments."

Colby said "in some cases" the dispute was caused by his determination to make public matters which Kissinger wanted to be kept secret. But he said in other cases Kissinger wanted to release material which Colby thought should be kept confidential.

The hour-long session marked Colby's first public

discussion of Ford's decision to dismiss him and appoint former Republican National Chairman George Bush as CIA director.

But Colby retained the careful reserve that has become his trademark. He said he had expected to be replaced at the CIA and he offered no criticism of Bush.

ASKED ABOUT his Sunday morning discussion with Ford on Nov. 2, Colby said the President did not give a reason for the change and "he didn't need to as far as I'm concerned."

Colby said he rejected Ford's offer to name him as ambassador to NATO because he believed the CIA's critics abroad would seize on such a move as a basis for anti-NATO demonstrations.

Asked about the propriety of naming a former political party chairman to head the CIA, Colby declined a direct response but he said he considered Bush to be "a good man."

Colby, who has been a CIA employe for most of his adult life, said he could understand the reasons for going outside of the agency to obtain a new director. He said that California businessman John McCone had done an "excellent job" as CIA director in the Kennedy and Johnson administrations.

Colby acknowledged that McCone has said he knew nothing of CIA assassination plots that were hatched during his tenure as director. But the outgoing director said the CIA's internal reporting has been improved in the past 10 years

and he said he believes Bush will be kept fully informed of the agency's secret activities.

ON ANOTHER subject, Colby repeated that the CIA did not attempt to "destabilize" the government of former Marxist President Salvador Allende in Chile. He said the phrase "destabilize" was used by Rep. Michael Harrington, D-Mass., to characterize the CIA's efforts to support "the democratic forces" in Chile against suppression by Allende.

But when asked if the CIA has been doing anything since Allende was overthrown by a military coup to back democratic forces and to push for free elections, Colby replied simply, "No."