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"It has been truly said that the CIA is a professional organization. That is one of the reasons that when the new administration came in and many changes were made, as they should be made in our American political system after an election, and a change of parties, as far as the executive branch is concerned, I did not make a change.

"I surveyed the field. I checked the qualifications of all of the men, or, for that matter, any women who might possibly be the Director of the CIA. That could happen.

"But I concluded that Dick Helms was the best man in the country to be the Director of the CIA and that is why we have him here."

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Mr. Helms was nominated by President Johnson as Deputy Director of Central Intelligence on April 14, 1965.



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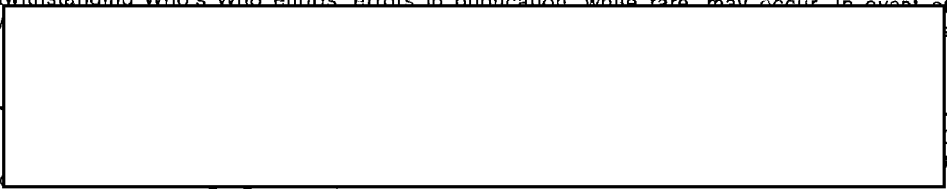
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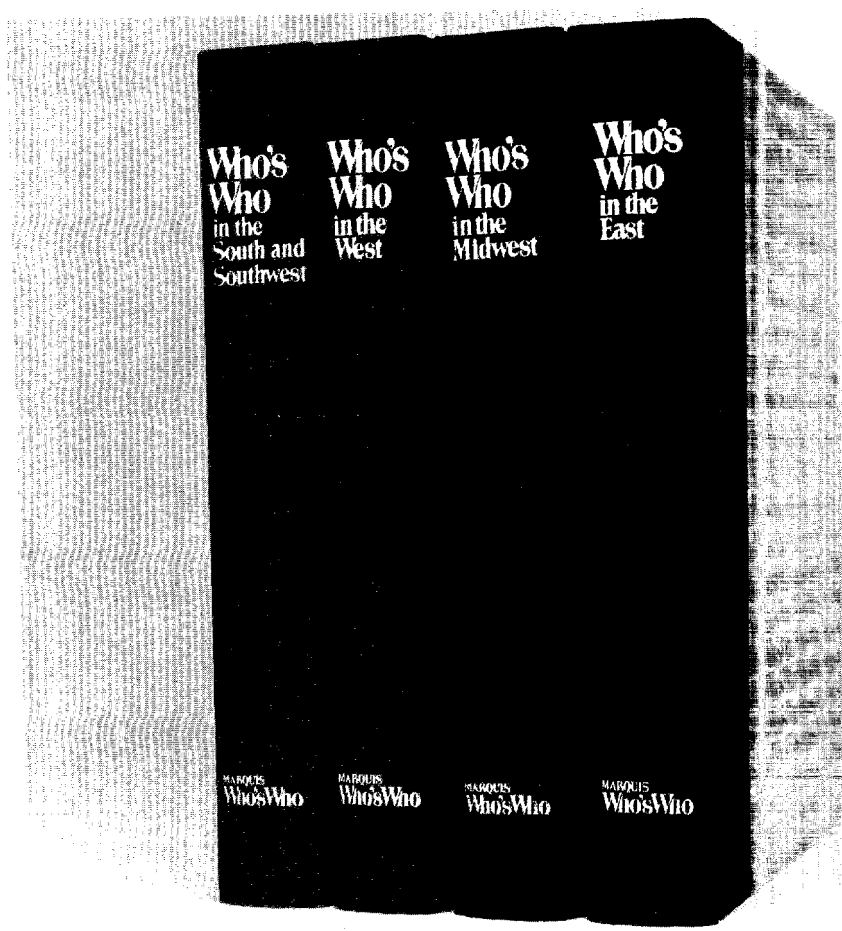
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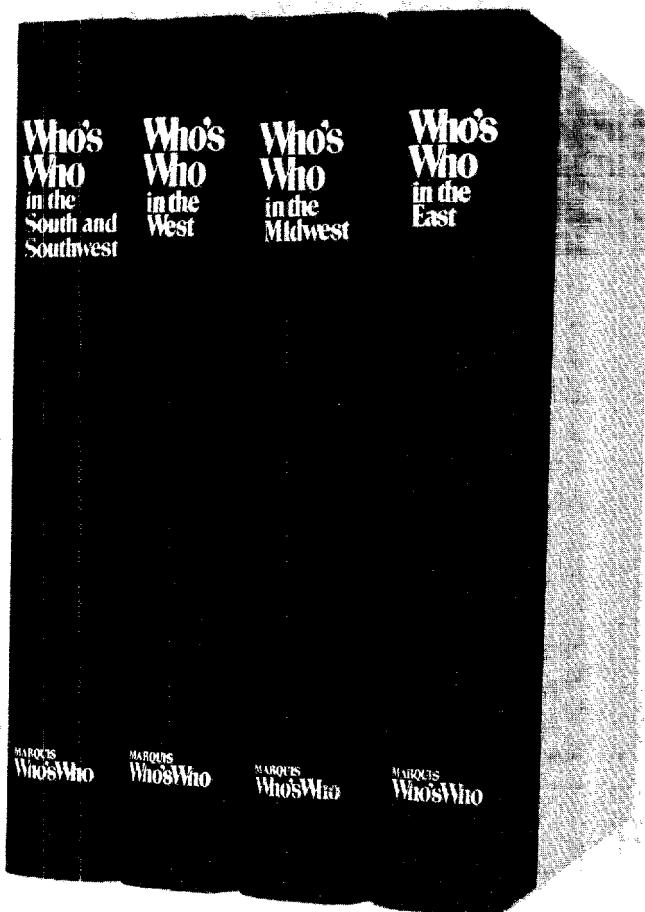
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13 May 1965

The attached biography of Mr. Helms, approved by him, was sent to Williams College on 13 May 1965 in connection with his selection as a winner of the National Civil Service League Award.

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Washington, D.C., \_\_\_ May 1965. Richard McGarrah Helms, who was graduated from Williams College with a degree of B.A. in 1935, will be one of the ten outstanding government officials to receive an award on 19 May 1965 at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington, D.C. from the National Civil Service League. There will be a Career Service Awards Banquet at which Dr. Frank Stanton, President of Columbia Broadcasting System, will be the speaker. Dr. Stanton will be introduced by former Federal Communications Commission Chairman Newton Minow. The presiding officer at the banquet will be former Postmaster General J. Edward Day. The purpose of the awards which are made annually is to promote the prestige of the public service and to gain recognition for outstanding careers in government. The National Civil Service League is a nonpartisan, nonprofit citizens' organization founded in 1881 to promote efficiency in Federal, state and local government. It has strong endorsements of its value and programs from Presidents Johnson, Kennedy, Eisenhower, Truman, and Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Helms was nominated by President Johnson and confirmed by the Senate recently as the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. He is the senior foreign intelligence operations officer of the United States. Immediately before his advancement to the office of Deputy Director, he was the Deputy Director for Plans in the CIA in charge of the Agency's overseas operations which concern the security of the United States.

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Mr. Helms was born in St. Davids, Pennsylvania in 1913. He received his secondary schooling at Carteret Academy, Orange, New Jersey; Le Rosey, Rolle/Gstaad, Switzerland; and the Realgymnasium in Freiburg i/Breisgau, Germany. At Williams College he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and was editor of the yearbook GULIELMENSIA and also was editor of THE WILLIAMS RECORD.

Following graduation from Williams, Mr. Helms became a correspondent for the United Press Association in Berlin until 1937, during which time he interviewed Hitler and his story "Hitler and Mars Incorporated" was published in the INDIANAPOLIS TIMES. Mr. Helms was National Advertising Manager for the Indianapolis Times Publishing Company until 1942 when he entered the United States Navy and was assigned to the Office of Strategic Services; he has served United States intelligence continuously since then. He was concerned with OSS plans and operations in the European theater. Later he was Commanding Officer of the OSS Berlin Detachment.

Mr. Helms was one of the pioneers in creating and developing the Central Intelligence Agency. He testified before the Senate Subcommittee to Investigate the Administration of the Internal Security Laws and his testimony is recognized as the definitive review on the subject of fraudulent propaganda, forgeries, and fabricated documents originating from Communist sources. For his presentation, Mr. Helms received the approbation of the Senate Subcommittee. Under the title of "Communist Forgeries," his testimony was published by resolution of the Committee on the Judiciary.

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The value of this work is of such significance that it has been translated into Arabic, French, Spanish, German, and Italian as a means of instructing others on the fraudulent practices of the opposition.

Skilled as an administrator and outstanding as an intelligence officer, Mr. Helms is a prodigious reader. While in Indianapolis, he was a member of the Literary Club in Indianapolis, a famed organization that included in its membership George Ade, James W. Riley, and other distinguished literary men.

Mr. Helms and Julia Betzman were married in 1939. Their family includes one son, Dennis, now a student at the University of Virginia Law School, and a son and a daughter born to Mrs. Helms during a previous marriage.

Mr. Helms' leadership in the foreign intelligence activities of our country and the public recognition of his contributions to American national security reflect on the excellence of his academic training at Williams College.

On 28 April 1965 in the White House when Vice Admiral William F. Raborn, United States Navy (Retired) was sworn in as Director of Central Intelligence, and Mr. Helms was sworn in as the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence, the President said in part:

"Admiral Raborn's great strength as a leader and a manager is his respect and his reliance upon his co-workers.

Admiral Raborn is a team-builder and he is a team-player.

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At the Central Intelligence Agency he will have as his strong right arm one of the most respected career professionals in the Capital of this great nation, Mr. Richard Helms.

"Few career men in this government are so highly respected as Mr. Helms. I find food for thought in the fact that a man so successful in Mr. Helms' present profession trained for this work in the newspaper profession, and Mr. Helms, if you need recruits, see me. I might commend some of these in this room to you now.

"But I am very proud of this team and I am proud we have been able in recent weeks to persuade many of our most outstanding career public servants to accept promotions and additional responsibilities in the government, to assume more vital roles. The high positions of this administration are being filled today, yesterday and tomorrow on the basis of merit without regard to politics, without regard to partisanship, and I hope this pattern can be permanent.

"To Admiral Raborn, to Mr. Helms, I extend my congratulations."

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John E. Sawyer  
President  
Williams College

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Dear Dr Sawyer:-

Enclosed is some data on one of Williams' most outstanding graduates who on ~~May 19~~ 19 May 1965 will receive a Civil Service League award as one of the ten most outstanding officials in the United States government. Mr Richard M. Helms on 28 April 1965, by Presidential ~~appointment~~ nomination and Senate approval, became the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. This position makes him the Deputy Director of the Central Intelligence Agency and by Presidential directive (issued by President Kennedy) he becomes the day-to-day administrator of the CIA, and the CIA member of the United States Intelligence Board. His eminence in ~~in~~ foreign intelligence and in counter-intelligence places him in the Number 2 spot in the US intelligence community. As a former OSS member, and as a Governmental official, I am sure you join Mr Helms' many friends in the new honors he has received. I hope the enclosed data may be of use, in whole or in part, in one of the Williams College student and alumni publications.

Sincerely,

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WASHINGTON, FEB. 17 (AP)—RICHARD M. HELMS HAS BEEN PROMOTED TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY TO SUCCEED RICHARD M. BISSELL JR., A CIA SPOKESMAN SAID TONIGHT.

HELMS, 47, HAS BEEN WITH THE CIA SINCE IT WAS FORMED IN 1947 AND HIS MOST RECENT POSITION WAS ASSISTANT TO BISSELL.

BISSELL REPORTEDLY IS LEAVING TO TAKE A NON-GOVERNMENT JOB.

HELMS IS A NATIVE OF ST. DAVIDS, PA., AND STUDIES IN SWITZERLAND AND GERMANY. HE FORMERLY WAS A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT FOR UNITED PRESS INTERNATIONAL AND ATTAINED THE RANK OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER IN THE NAVY DURING WORLD WAR II.

BISSELL, 52, IS A NATIVE OF HARTFORD, CONN., AND FORMERLY TAUGHT ECONOMICS AT YALE. HE HAS HELD SEVERAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, INCLUDING THE JOB OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S COMMISSION ON FOREIGN AID.

STILL REMAINING TO BE FILLED IS THE JOB OF DEPUTY DIRECTOR, THE NO. 2 POSITION WHICH BECAME VACANT WHEN AIR FORCE GEN. C.P. CABELL RESIGNED LAST DEC. 29. APPOINTMENT TO THIS JOB REQUIRES A PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION AND CONFIRMATION BY THE SENATE.

THE CIA IS HEADED BY JOHN A. MCCONE, APPOINTED BY PRESIDENT KENNEDY TO SUCCEED ALLEN DULLES.

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Mr. Helms entered the intelligence field when he joined the OSS in the fall of 1943.

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Mr. Helms entered the intelligence field in August 1943 when he joined the Office of Strategic Services. He is now the Deputy Director for Plans, Central Intelligence Agency.

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