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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### *What Mr. Gates Wasn't Asked*

The article "Hunt Begins for New CIA Chief" [March 5] incorrectly states that during acting CIA director Robert Gates' confirmation hearings last month, he "refused to say flatly he would resign if ordered to do something illegal."

We have reviewed carefully the transcript of Mr. Gates' hearings. He was never asked if he would resign in the event he were asked to commit an illegality. If the question had been put to him, he would have replied that he would indeed resign rather than carry out an illegal act.

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