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## NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has accepted with special gratitude for his long and distinguished public service, the resignation of Richard Helms as Ambassador to Iran. He was appointed February 8, 1973.

Mr. Helms joined the CIA in 1947 and was appointed Director of the CIA in June 1966. During World War II he was a member of the Office of Strategic Services.

Copies of the exchange of letters between the President and Richard Helms are available in the Press Office.

There is no successor to announce at this time.

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