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The President today announced his intention to nominate James R. Schlesinger to be Director of Central Intelligence. He will succeed Richard Helms, who will be nominated to be United States Ambassador to Iran.

Mr. Schlesinger has been a member and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission since August 10, 1971. He joined the Administration in February 1969 as Assistant Director of the Bureau of the Budget and served as Acting Budget Director during the transition from the Bureau of the Budget to the Office of Management and Budget in 1970. Mr. Schlesinger served as Assistant Director of OMB, with responsibility for budget and management development of national security and international programs, until he became Chairman of the AEC.

He was born on February 15, 1929, in New York City. He received his A. B., summa cum laude, in 1950 from Harvard University, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. He also received his A. M., in 1952, and Ph. D., in 1956, from Harvard. While at Harvard, he served as a Teaching Fellow in economics and the social sciences.

Mr. Schlesinger was an Assistant Professor, then Associate Professor at the University of Virginia from 1955 to 1963, when he joined the RAND Corporation in Santa Monica, California, as a Senior Staff Member. He remained with RAND until 1969, serving as Director of Strategic Studies from 1967 to 1969. During 1964-65 he was Associate Editor of the Journal of Finance, and he has written extensively on the role of systems analysis in relation to political decision-making. He is the author of *The Political Economy of National Security* (1960) and co-author of *Issues in Defense Economics* (1967).

He is married to the former Rachel Mellinger of Springfield, Ohio. They have eight children and reside in Arlington, Virginia.

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