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CIA's No. 2 official named as new director

WASHINGTON (AP) — Robert Gates, a CIA official who reportedly urged disclosure of secret arms sales to Iran before they were revealed, was picked by President Reagan Monday to replace William J. Casey as director of the spy agency.

The 73-year-old Casey, recuperating from surgery seven weeks ago for a brain tumor, was invited to become a counselor to the president when and if he can return to work.

Gates, 43, has been the No. 2 official at the CIA since April 1986 and has been running the agency in Casey's absence.

As director of central intelligence, Gates will be the chief executive offi-

cer of the CIA. He also will coordinate all intelligence agencies and assign their tasks through a separate "intelligence community staff."

The Senate Intelligence Committee scheduled a confirmation hearing for Gates on Feb. 17.

A 20-year veteran of service in the CIA and the White House National Security Council as a Soviet affairs expert, Gates is widely respected on Capitol Hill and easily should win Senate confirmation.

However, he is certain to be grilled about the CIA's role in the secret sale of arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to the Nicaraguan Contra rebels. A report by the Sen-

ate Intelligence Committee said Casey, in testimony about the affair late last year, "was general in nature" and left many questions unanswered.

"I particularly look forward to working with Robert Gates, who is a professional in this field and for whom I have high regard," said Sen. Claiborne Pell, D-R.I., chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Casey submitted his resignation to Reagan in a two-sentence letter dated last Thursday. "It has been a great honor serving you," it said. In a return letter Monday, the president credited Casey with helping re-

store pride to the nation's intelligence services.

A longtime friend of the president, Casey became director of the CIA in 1981 after managing Reagan's White House campaign.

He suffered a seizure last Dec. 15 — a day before he was to appear before the Senate Intelligence Committee — and underwent surgery three days later for removal of a cancerous tumor.

According to an associate, Casey's last words before being wheeled into surgery were, "I hope Dave Durenberger doesn't think I'm copping out on him." Durenberger, a Minnesota

Republican, was the chairman of the Intelligence Committee at the time.

The committee's report, released last week, said a CIA analyst went to Gates last Oct. 1 and said he was concerned that money from the secret arms sale to Iran were being diverted to Central America.

"Gates was surprised and disturbed and told the analyst to see Casey," the report said. It quoted the analyst as saying he and Gates did not discuss whether or not a diversion would be illegal.

Gates on Oct. 15 directed the CIA's general counsel to review all aspects of the Iran deal to make sure

nothing was being done that was illegal.

The counsel later reported there was nothing amiss from the CIA standpoint.

According to Gates' testimony in the report, he and Casey urged then-national security adviser John Poindexter to have Reagan make the Iran initiative public, rather than have it leak out "in dribs and drabs." At that time, they warned there might have been some diversion of funds, the report said.

Casey testified to the Senate Intelligence Committee on Nov. 21 but did not mention the possibility of funds being diverted.



Bicycle Built For Two?

From left, Neeley Hall resident Sherri Behrendt and roommate Mariela Moreno take advantage of the recent warm weather hitting Col-

lege Station as they take a bicycle ride around campus. Temperatures Monday reached into the mid to upper 70s.

Photo by Bill Hughes

A&M cadet falls from window, rests in intensive care

By Curtis L. Culberson
Staff Writer

A freshman cadet suffered a severe concussion Monday morning when he reportedly fell from the fourth floor ledge outside his dorm room window, University Police said.

Director of University Police Bob Wiatt said Timothy Bernard Bailey of Company G-2 was yelling for help when he was found by students on the west side lawn of Dorm 12 just before 7:00 a.m.

Bailey, 22, is from Marlin, Texas, and is a transfer student from McLennan Community College in Waco.

He remained in the intensive care unit of Humana Hospital Monday night, where he was listed in stable condition.

Bailey sustained no broken bones or internal injuries, but lies in a semi-comatose state, Wiatt said.

"Bailey is able to respond to commands, but doctors state they are not sure how reliable his responses are," Wiatt said.

Bailey's dorm window faces a lawn

between the dorm and Coke Street. If the window had faced the other side, there was a good chance he would have landed on concrete, Wiatt said.

Wiatt said Bailey attended formation, or roll call, at about 6:30 a.m. About 15 minutes later, Bailey said he was ill and left, Wiatt added.

A few minutes later, a student knocked on Bailey's door, but no one answered, Wiatt said.

When Bailey failed to answer, the student left, Wiatt said. He added that it was around this time students on the first floor of Dorm 12 heard Bailey screaming for help.

"Bailey was alone and his room was locked from the inside, with the window open," Wiatt said. "There are no adjoining rooms or bathrooms. He was completely locked in."

Wiatt said police found indications that Bailey possibly was trying to hold himself outside his window, but police aren't sure why.

Wiatt said the investigation is continuing and they hope to talk to Bailey sometime today.

Iranian terrorists threaten to kill 2 American hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Pro-Iranian kidnappers said Monday they will kill Americans Terry Anderson and Thomas Sutherland, who have been hostages since 1985, if the United States makes a military attack on Lebanon.

Lebanon's justice minister said the kidnappers had "arrested" Terry Waite. The Church of England envoy left his Beirut hotel Jan. 20 to negotiate for the freedom of the two Americans and other foreign captives in Lebanon.

Another group made the same threat last week against three American teachers and an Indian faculty member taken from Beirut University College on June 24. The abduc-

tors have said since that they will kill the four men unless Israel releases 400 prisoners by midnight Saturday.

The official press of Syria, which supports pro-Iranian groups, has accused the United States of planning a military attack on Lebanon after 11 foreigners were kidnapped in 12 days. U.S. naval forces in the Mediterranean have been strengthened.

A typewritten statement in Arabic delivered to the office of a Western news agency Monday made the death threat against Anderson and Sutherland in the name of the Shiite Moslem group Islamic Jihad. Accompanying it was a photograph of Anderson, 39, chief Middle East correspondent of the Associated Press.

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The black-and-white photograph showed Anderson with a moustache, wearing a dark striped shirt, not wearing his glasses.

It showed a cut on his face, apparently from shaving, that has appeared in three other pictures of

him released in the past three months.

Islamic Jihad generally accompanies its statements with a photo of a captive as evidence of authenticity.

Anderson was seized March 16, 1985, in Moslem west Beirut. Sutherland, the 55-year-old acting dean of agriculture of American University of Beirut, was kidnapped June 9 of that year.

Islamic Jihad, which means Islamic Holy War, also claims to hold at least three Frenchmen, but Monday's statement did not mention them or France.

It said the United States, "the great Satan," was planning "satanic actions" against Lebanon.

Islamic Jihad renewed its demand for release of 17 comrades imprisoned in Kuwait for the 1983 bombings of the U.S. and French embassies there. The Persian Gulf emirate's government has refused to free them.

The group has freed three Americans in 16 months: the Rev. Benjamin Weir, a Presbyterian minister; the Rev. Martin Lawrence Jenco, a Roman Catholic priest; and David Jacobsen, director of the American University Hospital.

Its statement did not mention Waite, the personal envoy of Archbishop of Canterbury Robert Runcie.

Better Business officials: Consumers beware

Door-to-door solicitors may be 'bad deal'

By Frank Smith
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Terri Maggard had been interested in subscribing to a magazine. So when a fast-talking magazine salesman with an unusual presentation came to her apartment door, she let him in.

The senior electrical engineering major was told her purchase would help the salesman accumulate "bonus points" toward winning a trip to Bermuda.

"If it hadn't been for the fact that I had been wanting to subscribe to a magazine for a while, I would've said I wasn't interested," she said later. "But I was interested."

After choosing a publication from a laminated list supplied by the salesman, she was told she needed to pay the full amount up front — in cash.

A few minutes later, she was out \$30.20, and possibly out of luck.

Two days later, she saw her magazine advertised for just over half the rate she had paid. She remembered the salesman had told her he had the cheapest rates available.

Thinking she would take advantage of a cancellation option listed on her receipt, she examined the receipt more closely. It was then that

she discovered the salesman had recorded that only \$18.20 had been collected and that she was obligated to mail in an additional \$12 before her subscription would be entered with the publisher of her magazine choice. When he presented the receipt, the salesman had said nothing about the mail-in money. Maggard had signed without scrutinizing it.

She called College Station police, but was told hers was a civil, rather than criminal, complaint. A check with the City of College Station revealed that the group the salesman was traveling with had secured a valid solicitation permit. When she called the circulation company listed on the receipt, she was told it couldn't do anything about her \$12 since she had signed her receipt.

She called the local chapter of the Better Business Bureau, and was told that if she filed a written complaint about the matter, the BBB would approach the circulation company on her behalf.

Maggard's story illustrates the hazards of doing business with door-to-door solicitors. And though there are plenty of honest door-to-door salespeople around, local BBB officials caution consumers to investigate before they invest.

As it turns out, the BBB had a re-



port on file about the clearinghouse listed on Maggard's receipt — a report chronicling a history of the company's "unsatisfactory" business performance in settling problems and eliminating causes of problems. In addition, the BBB report identifies the company as having a record of "questionable" selling practices.

The salesman who came to Maggard's apartment was an employee of an independently owned and operated sales organization subcon-

tracting out to the clearinghouse. The clearinghouse processes the orders and sees only the signed agreements, and doesn't get any record of verbal promises made to the customer.

Dan Bogart, arbitration administrator for the BBB of Brazos Valley, is familiar with such problems.

"The whole subject of door-to-door solicitation is a big problem," Bogart said. "Unfortunately, you guys in college are a prime target for these types of door-to-door magazine or cleaning (salespeople) or whatever...."

"It's everybody's job to look out for themselves, protect themselves. If somebody you don't know comes to your door, call the Better Business Bureau and try to get a report on the company before you make your decision."

"Everybody that comes to your door is not necessarily bad. But at the same time, you shouldn't assume that they're all good. Investigate before you spend."

Bogart and LeRoy Baimain, executive director of the local BBB, have heard a lot of stories through the years from people who ran into problems with door-to-door salespeople.

Baimain painted a grim picture of

some door-to-door operations.

"Here's the thing about magazine sales," he said. "Those kids hit the road. They've got a crew chief that's pushing them. He puts 'em out there and they do what he tells them to do. After a week or so of training, then they have to make so much money or they don't get paid."

"You sleep many in a motel room. You travel in a van or something like that. You go from town to town.... We have heard where they have been kicked out on the road many states away from their home."

"They will tell you anything you want to hear to sell you a magazine. They get hungry. They get desperate. So consequently, they're going to do what they can to sell you a magazine."

Bogart described how a typical traveling sales crew might handle the College Station area.

"They'll pull into the south end of College Station and let their crews out and pick 'em up on the other end of town," he said. "They'll work their way through the town. And then they'll go to the next little town and do the same thing. Just keep on moving."

"That, again, is why the consumer

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Applications for diplomas due Friday

The Degree Audit Office has announced that all graduating seniors and graduate students who expect to complete degree requirements by May 1987 must make formal application for their degrees no later than Friday. Late applicants will be unable to receive a diploma.

Undergraduate and graduate degree applicants who did not have their diploma fee assessed with their tuition fee must pay a \$15 diploma fee in the Fiscal Office, 4 Coke Building. Undergraduate students then must take their paid fee slip or diploma fee receipt to the Registrar's Office, 105 Heaton Hall. Graduate students must take their paid fee slip or diploma fee receipt to the Graduate College, 125 Teague Building.

All graduating seniors must complete the necessary degree application forms which are available in the Registrar's Office, 105 Heaton Hall. Graduate students can pick up forms in 125 Teague Building.