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BILL JORGENSEN: William Casey heads the CIA, our Central Intelligence Agency, that four-star Navy Admiral Bobby Inman has been number two man. Now he's leaving, claiming he wants some fresh challenge after having put the agency back on its feet following the Watergate oriented scandal.

But there's more to the story of Inman's resignation, and Barry Schweid has that story.

BARRY SCHWEID: In a dear Bob letter, President Reagan accepted Inman's resignation with deep regret. He thanked the four-star admiral for more than 30 years of government service.

The resignation was sudden. Congressional sources said Inman had a number of lucrative offers from business and decided to accept one of them. A White House official said there weren't any fights, that Inman had simply decided to leave. But sources in the intelligence community raised question marks. They say they didn't know if Inman was leaving voluntarily or had been kicked out.

Relatively non-controversial, Inman stirred controversy in the academic community recently by insisting that research findings bearing on national security be cleared by the government before publication.

The CIA itself has been involved in controversy since the Nixon Administration, when Congress found the CIA engaged in a number of illegal activities.

For Independent Network News, this is Barry Schweid, at the White House.

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