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INSIDE REPORT

Bennett urged for Reagan job

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THE second-wave assault against Donald T. Regan has brought a concerted push by the New Right to replace him as White House chief of staff with Secretary of Education William Bennett.

New Rightist Paul Weyrich has been boosting Bennett, a neo-conservative former Democrat, as a chief of staff who would give the administration needed substance.

The right-wingers much prefer Bennett to ex-Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis, often mentioned as Regan's successor. However, Regan has informed his own staffers and Weyrich that he has no intention of leaving.

EDWARD Bennett Williams was President Reagan's real choice to head the Central Intelligence Agency after William J. Casey's brain surgery, but the 66-year-old criminal lawyer and Baltimore Orioles owner reluctantly said no.

Reagan's secret offer to the lifelong Democrat and member of the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board shows he knew that such a dramatic nomination might give his ad-

ministration the lift it desperately needs. Nevertheless, he finally settled on Deputy CIA Director Robert Gates, a career civil servant and a prosaic choice.

DAVID Aaron, deputy to Zbigniew Brzezinski on President Carter's National Security Council staff, went to Moscow at the invitation of Mikhail Gorbachev to attend the propaganda extravaganza billing the Soviet Union as the world's foremost advocate of peace.

Aaron accepted the Soviet invitation along with Yoko Ono, Norman Mailer and hundreds of others from American and European peace blocs. Gorbachev offered to pay all expenses for the trip and hotel accommodations in Moscow to hear his speech hailing the Kremlin's contributions to peace.

Brzezinski himself said nothing publicly. But close friends say he was shocked that his former deputy had helped the Soviet leader pressure President Reagan to grant "peace" concessions to the country that has 110,000 troops occupying Afghanistan.

PRESSING national security adviser Frank Carlucci to support a hard-line Republican amendment on the pending Threshold Test Ban Treaty, Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.) not so gently reminded him about his "friends" in the Carter administration when Carlucci was deputy CIA director.

"You know, Frank, I'm not worried about Ronald Reagan," Helms said with 20 Republican senators listening in at a Senate GOP luncheon. "I'm worried about some future president — you know, one of the guys in your old crowd."

Carlucci laughed, but the jibe by the Senate's most visible conservative delivered a pointed message. Despite a loyal record as deputy secretary of defense early in the Reagan administration, Carlucci is under constant scrutiny from the Republican right.