

Deutch names new chief to bolster CIA espionage

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CIA Director John Deutch said yesterday he has appointed a career analyst, David Cohen, to head the agency's troubled espionage branch.

In announcing the appointments of several senior managers, Mr. Deutch also promoted a veteran counterspy, Paul Redmond, to the new post of associate deputy director for counterintelligence.

Mr. Cohen, a former high-ranking official of the directorate of intelligence, was selected by Mr. Deutch to be deputy director for operations, the CIA spying branch, after a three-month search.

A 30-year CIA veteran, Mr. Cohen has some espionage experience from having run the agency's domestic collection division, which spies on foreign governments in the United States, specifically at the United Nations.

"I am convinced that this new team will strengthen the CIA and enhance the agency's ability to collect and analyze critical intelligence that bears on the challenges this nation faces in the post-Cold War era," Mr. Deutch said at a rare press conference at CIA headquarters.

Mr. Deutch said he is giving George Tenet, deputy CIA director, primary responsibility for managing the CIA's espionage operations and its global efforts to recruit spies and conduct covert operations.

Other appointments announced yesterday include:

- John Gannon, until recently director of European analysis, to be deputy director of intelligence — the top official in charge of all analyses.

- Ruth David, director of advanced information technology at Sandia National Laboratory, to be deputy director for science and technology.

- Leo Hazelwood, former CIA executive director, to be deputy director for administration.

Morale within the operations directorate is said by CIA officials to be extremely low after Aldrich Hazen Ames, a nine-year spy within the agency, was exposed as a KGB mole. Ames, who was convicted of spying last year, had given Moscow information on the identities of all recruited CIA agents.

One former CIA spy said Mr. Cohen is "an outsider who is not very well liked within the DO" but is viewed as "hard-nosed."

"He's someone who isn't going to take a lot of crap," the former official said.

Mr. Deutch also announced that he has appointed Mr. Redmond, a veteran counterspy, as one of three new associate deputy directors for operations. Mr. Redmond's



CIA Director John Deutch has turned to veterans to lead his spying team.

promotion makes him the agency's most senior spycatcher.

Mr. Redmond was credited with doggedly pursuing the source of a leak that led to the loss of all the CIA's recruited agents in the Soviet Union beginning in 1985, at a time when the agency showed no interest in the mole hunt.

The search eventually led to the arrest of Ames, who was at one time in charge of CIA counterintelligence.

Mr. Redmond, appointed a special assistant under CIA Director James Woolsey, who resigned in December, now is the senior deputy for counterintelligence within the operations directorate.

The two other associate deputy directors for operations are:

- David Edger, a respected case officer who was Ames' supervisor at the time of his arrest in 1993, to be the senior deputy for espionage operations.

- Christine Wiley, former chief of the human resources staff, to be the top deputy for human resources — managing the personnel function within the espionage branch. She is the first woman to hold such a senior post within the directorate.

John McLaughlin, a senior analyst in the Russian section, was appointed to be the No. 2 official in the National Intelligence Council, and Jay Castillo was named director of the office of personnel security, which was elevated as a result of the Ames case.