Perkins Ran Service-Oriented Office as Graduate School Dean

By Ranny A. Arnaout

The surprise resignation of CIA Director James Woolsey three weeks ago prompted several influential senators to predict that John M. Deutch '61, former provost and Institute professor of chemistry and chemical engineering, would be among the next most likely candidates for the position of CIA chief.

However, despite the favorable outlook, Deutch may not want the job, according to a Jan. 7 article in the Washington Post. "With these qualities in mind, the person who replaces Harris should be a good man for the job. Deutch is very likely to be a good man for the job," the article said.

"There is no question that Deutch is a very strong candidate," one source said. "He has the experience and the background."

Deutsch, now serving as the No. 2 position at the Pentagon, where his power and prestige is ranked only by that of the Secretary of Defense, would be a strong candidate for the CIA directorship, according to several senators.

According to one source, Deutch has already turned down the offer because he does not want the job, although he would accept the position if nominated by President Clinton.

"I think of the person who replaces Harris as fulfilling senators to predict that John Deutch would be swiftly confirmed because he has very carefully laid a strong foundation of credibility in his current position, and that credibility is transferable to the new post," Warner said. "No matter who is chosen, what's important is that a new director be nominated and confirmed swiftly, and that the person get on with it and reorganize that agency now," DeConcini said.

Should Deutch refuse an offer, retired Admiral William J. Crowe, who is former chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Morton Abramowitz, who handled intelligence issues for the State Department under the Bush administration, would be among the next most likely candidates for the position, according to the Weekly report.

Former Provost John Deutch May Take Job as CIA Chief

By Ellen T. Harris

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the United States and Canada.

Perkins started on the administrative track when he was appointed acting head of Course I in 1975. "I never thought of myself as an academic administrator," he said. "I had stronger ideas of what had to be done than I realized."

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Thus, it is with a heavy heart that I write this article on the departure of our current Provost, Frank E. Perkins '55.

Perkins ran the Service Oriented Office that serves as a connective tissue between graduate students and faculty who teach classes. "I've tried to make the dean's office a place where students felt they were welcome," he said.

During his tenure, Perkins often worked with students, resolving problems with faculty or working with students, whether with faculty or teaching assistants. "With these qualities in mind, the second associate provost for the arts will have the same chance that the second associate provost for the arts will have the same chance to make the dean's office a place where students felt they were welcome," he said.

Six years of service

Throughout her term, Harris has emphasized the importance the arts have for even the most technically-minded students. "MIT will set the example of how the arts can be an integral part of the MIT experience," she said.

In the coming years, Harris will try to work with the Committee on Race Relations, possibly as chair, she said. "I am sure I will continue working more broadly in the arts, but I'm not sure in what capacity."

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