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## WASHINGTON UPDATE

- **President backs away from plan to impose limit on overhead**
- **Clinton reportedly will pick university chiefs for USIA, NEH**
- **House bill would kill support for U. of Washington AIDS study**
- **NIH's Healy shifts \$9.2-million to tuberculosis research**

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President Clinton is reportedly making progress in selecting people to fill key education and cultural positions.

According to government officials and lobbyists, Joseph D. Duffey will soon be named as director of the United States Information Agency, and F. Sheldon Hackney will be nominated to be chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities. In both cases, the nominations have been held up for reasons unrelated to the prospective nominees.

Mr. Duffey, president of the American University, served in the Carter Administration as chairman of the NEH and Assistant Secretary of State. At the State Department, he supervised international-exchange programs that have since been moved to the USIA.

A spokesman said last week that Mr. Duffey was out of town and unavailable for comment.

The Alliance for International Educational and Cultural Exchange, a coalition of 61 educational groups, wrote to Mr. Clinton

in December urging that Mr. Duffey be named to head the USIA. The nomination has been held up because of a debate in the Administration over the agency's broadcasting programs.

Rumors that Mr. Hackney's nomination is imminent have been floating for more than a month. He has been president of the University of Pennsylvania since 1981.

Political insiders say the delay in the nomination results from President Clinton's desire to name an NEH chairman at the same time he names heads of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Institute of Museum Services.

Sources say that President Clinton is having difficulty picking someone to head the arts endowment.

Candidates for the post are said to include Deborah Sale, chief of staff to the Lieutenant Governor of New York; Jane Alexander, an actress; and Claudine Brown, project director at the Smithsonian Institution for the African-American Museum.

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