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**Six of Bush's 15 cabinet members step down**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Bush has chosen national security adviser Condoleezza Rice to replace Colin Powell as secretary of state, a senior administration official said Monday.

Powell, a retired four-star general who often clashed with more hawkish members of the administration on Iraq and other foreign policy issues, resigned in a Cabinet exodus that promises a starkly different look to President Bush's second-term team.

The White House on Monday announced Powell's exit along with the resignations of Education Secretary Rod Paige, Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham. Stephen Hadley, deputy national security adviser, will replace Rice, the official said on condition of anonymity.

Combined with the resignations earlier this month of Commerce Secretary Don Evans and Attorney General John

Ashcroft, six of Bush's 15 Cabinet members will not be part of the president's second term, which begins with his inauguration Jan. 20. An administration that experienced few changes over the last four years suddenly hit a high-water mark for overhaul.

Known for his moderate views and unblemished reputation, it was Powell who went before the United Nations in February 2003 to sell Bush's argument for invading Iraq to skeptics abroad and at home. But Powell's case was built on faulty intelligence that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction.

Still, the former Joint Chiefs of Staff chairman remained the most popular member of the administration, more so than even Bush.

In a resignation letter dated Nov. 12, Powell told Bush that, with the election over, it was time to "step down ... and return to private life." The Army man for 35 years said he would stay on "for a number of weeks, or a month or two" until his replacement was confirmed by the Senate.

— The Associated Press

# Race to host the Olympics in 2012 enters final lap

Paris, London, Madrid, New York and Moscow turn in bids to host the games

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LONDON — The five cities looking to host the 2012 Summer Games submitted bids to the International Olympic Committee on Monday, entering the final stage of a long process in hopes of landing one of the biggest prizes in sports.

Paris, the front-runner to win next year's vote, turned in documents, as did London, Madrid, New York and Moscow. Each book totals more than 550 pages, allowing the IOC to evaluate venues, security, transportation, hotels and financing.

"This is what I would describe as the business of the race. You're not quite into the last lap, but you're just beginning to group at the bell," said London 2012 Chairman Sebastian Coe.

The IOC evaluation commission travels to the candidate cities early next year, and will give its recommendations to the 100-plus IOC members a month before they vote by secret ballot in Singapore on July 6.

British bookmaker Ladbrokes on Monday installed Paris as the 1-2 favorite to host its third Olympics after holding the games in 1900 and 1924. London, the 1908 and 1948 host, was at 3-1, with Madrid at 4-1, New York at 14-1 and Moscow, the 1980 host, at 33-1.

"We are not overconfident but we feel, due to all the work and checking that has been done and the support from the French government, politicians, IOC members, athletes and community leaders, we think we have put together the best of France," Paris 2012 spokesman Jerome Lenfant said.

London plans to regenerate a rundown area of east London, building an Olympic Park. London's bid also includes landmarks such as Wimbledon, the new Wembley Stadium and Hyde Park.

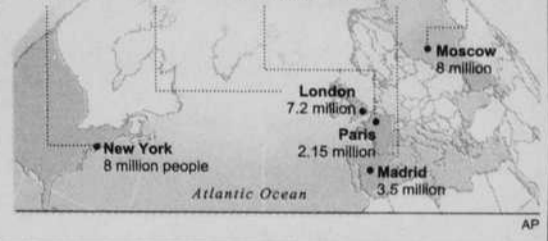
New York's bid is backed by U.S. Olympic Committee Chairman Peter Ueberroth, who ran the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics.

"This city offers an outstanding combination of marketing, financial and media power that can help the games achieve a new level of global prominence," Ueberroth said Monday.

**Search for 2012 Olympic host narrows**

Five cities submitted bids to host the 2012 Summer Games to the International Olympic Committee on Monday.

New York	London	Paris	Madrid	Moscow
No previous Olympics	Host in 1908, 1948	Host in 1900, 1924	No previous Olympics	Host in 1980
New York's bid may be shadowed by anti-American sentiment and doubts over a new \$1.4 billion stadium proposal	Venues like Wimbledon and a triathlon in Hyde Park make the city an attractive locale	Failed bids for the 1992 and 2008 Games along with hosting experience make France the current front-runner	A strong candidate for its first Games with much of the needed venues and facilities already built	Though well prepared with venues lying 5-10 kilometers from each other, it's the least likely choice



New York is anchoring its bid on a plan for a stadium on Manhattan's West Side that would be home to the New York Jets. Ueberroth touted the organization of the New York bid and the city's place on the world stage.

"New York is renowned as one of the most international cities in the world with strong ties to every nation," he said.

Geography could hurt the New York bid because voters might be reluctant to award the games to North America again following Atlanta (1996, summer), Salt Lake City (2002, winter) and Vancouver, British Columbia (2010, winter). Also, the Salt Lake City Olympics were overshadowed by a bribery scandal. IOC members have since been barred from visiting bid cities.

Madrid plans to host all 25 Olympic disciplines in three areas in close proximity. The Spanish capital also sought help from organizers of the 1992 Barcelona Games.

Moscow's bid features venues along the Moscow River, historically the main artery of the 12th century city.

"We have a very compact concept of the Olympic Games — all the contests will take place in the same city, in Moscow," Moscow bid spokeswoman Zoya Volovets said.

**Bush's second-term Cabinet shake-up**

The shuffling of President Bush's top advisers continued on Monday with Colin Powell's resignation from the Cabinet, along with confirmation that three other members would be leaving.

SECRETARY OF ENERGY	SECRETARY OF EDUCATION	SECRETARY OF STATE	SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE
<b>Spencer Abraham</b>	<b>Rod Paige</b>	<b>Colin Powell</b>	<b>Ann Veneman</b>
AGE 52	71	67	55

POSSIBLE SUCCESSOR			
Sen. John Breaux, D-La.	Margaret Spellings, Bush's domestic policy adviser	National security adviser Condoleezza Rice	Chuck Conner, White House farm adviser

**Last week's shuffling**

The White House announced the resignation of Attorney General **John Ashcroft** (left) on Tuesday. President Bush then nominated **Alberto Gonzales** to replace him.

Secretary of Commerce **Don Evans** also resigned last week. A successor has not yet been chosen.

**Past second-term Cabinet alterations**

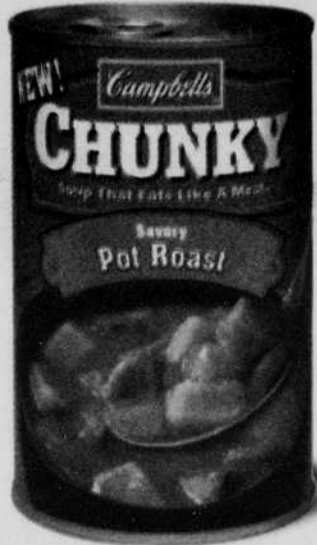
Of more recent two-term presidents, Richard Nixon's second-term Cabinet had the most new faces at nine compared with President Bush's count of six, so far.

**New Cabinet members for second-term presidents**

Harry S. Truman	4
Dwight D. Eisenhower	3
Lyndon Baines Johnson	4
Richard M. Nixon	9
Ronald W. Reagan	7
William J. Clinton	7

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