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## **LBJ Accepts Thomas Mann Resignation**

The White House announced yesterday that President Johnson had accepted, with "regret," the resignation of Thomas C. Mann, a fellow Texan, as Under Secretary of State for Economic Affairs.

Mann's resignation, after 24 years of Government service, will become effective June 1. No successor has been named.

Mann, a specialist in Latin American affairs, intends to enter private business.

Mann denied yesterday, through a State Department spokesman, that he once criticized U.S. military intervention in the Dominican Republic a year ago as "premature."

"This is incorrect," Mann's statement said. "I believe the action then was appropriate, necessary and timely. Of course, the President and the Secretary of State have my unqualified support."