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Cooper Leaving Post As Envoy in East Berlin

SOMERSET, Ky., May 17 (AP)—John Sherman Cooper said in an interview with a radio station here Monday that he is resigning as Ambassador to East Germany. Mr. Cooper, who will be 75 years old in August, said he had told President Ford he would resign because he felt it was time for a younger man to take the post.

Mr. Cooper, once a Republican Senator from Kentucky, said he expected to return home to Somerset, in southeastern Kentucky, between Oct. 10 and Oct. 15, write his final report and be debriefed.

He disclosed his plans in an interview with station WSFC and discussed them later in the day in a television interview on WKYT in Lexington. He was the first United States ambassador to East Germany and has served in East Berlin since September 1974.