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New Post Likely For Connally

Washington — President Nixon is expected to announce today that former Texas Governor John B. Connally will join the White House as a special consultant in both foreign and domestic affairs.

Connally, who last year switched from the Democratic to the Republican party, will not get a government salary but will spend full time in the new job, according to reliable sources.

In addition, Mr. Nixon is expected to announce at a cabinet meeting today a new secretary of Defense to replace Elliot L. Richardson, the attorney general designate.

Neither of two publicly mentioned candidates for the Pentagon post, David Packard and Kenneth Rush, both of whom have served as deputy secretary of Defense, will get the job, sources said. But the name of the new secretary could not be disclosed.

Other officials and aides are also expected today to be contemplating reassignments in the wake of the Watergate affair and the resignations of several cabinet members.

Far more cabinet

positions were contemplated, it was learned, including the possibility of bringing the present secretary of state, William P. Rogers, into the White House as Mr. Nixon's special representative in a long-time friend of the President.

White House lobbyists have told Republican congressmen that in addition to the Kissinger and Rogers moves, the President considered calling Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz back to a White House staff post.

Kissinger may become uneasy in a White House that includes a Connally with a mandate for activism and with presidential ambitions.

Kissinger is understood to have had difficulty working with the Texan who, as Mr. Nixon's Treasury secretary, made for a point into international diplomacy the world economic and monetary negotiations. Kissinger has a long record of success in high policy fields, but his relationship to the President in international affairs is less clear.