

### On Kissinger's Tenure

Elliot L. Richardson, scheduled to take up his duties in London Monday as the new American ambassador, privately told British correspondents that there was an even chance Secretary of State Kissinger would resign before the end of President Ford's term and that he would probably become his successor. The Chicago Sun-Times reported yesterday.

Mr. Richardson reportedly said the Secretary might decide that the job was too exhausting or that Congressional Democrats were eroding his effectiveness.

According to the Chicago paper and The Times of London, Mr. Richardson declared that if Mr. Kissinger succeeded in negotiating another Sinai agreement between Egypt and Israel, confidence in him would be promptly restored.

Mr. Kissinger himself dismissed reports of his possible departure from office as perennial speculation. "I have not made any such decision," he told Washington correspondents yesterday.