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Moynihan Said to Feel He Lacked Vital Support

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Feb. 3—Daniel P. Moynihan's decision to resign as United States representative at the United Nations is attributed to a conclusion that he lacked the support of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger.

Without that support, Mr. Moynihan is known to believe, he was convinced he could no longer function effectively in his post here, and this led him to resign.

In his resignation letter to President Ford, Mr. Moynihan said that his leave from Harvard University was expiring and that he must return to his teaching post or lose his professorship.

However, it is understood that he told the President last Tuesday that he had agreed to give up his tenure at Har-

vard and remain at the United Nations, where he has served since last July.

A few days later, he wrote his letter of resignation. The reason, according to a close friend, was a column in The New York Times last Friday by James Reston saying that Mr. Moynihan had become a problem for the Ford Administration.

Main Cause of Dissatisfaction

It was said that what distressed him most was the assertion that the President and the Secretary supported him publicly and deplored his actions in private.

This was not the impression he carried away from his White House meeting with the President a week ago, however, and Mr. Moynihan concluded that Secretary Kissinger wanted word to get around of his disavowal of support.

"The message was clear,"

said a person in a position to know Mr. Moynihan's views. "It is not very difficult to break the diplomatic code. It was a disavowal that would be understood by every diplomat in very short time. It would make staying at the United Nations impossible."

Those who share the chief United States delegate's confidence say that after the amicable session at the White House, President Ford telephoned last Wednesday to reassure Mr. Moynihan of his support. This followed the publication of a long cablegram from Mr. Moynihan to Mr. Kissinger and embassies abroad, bearing a restricted classification, in which Mr. Moynihan complained that lower-echelon officers in the State Department were not supporting his efforts to break up anti-American voting blocs at the United Nations. A copy was obtained and published by The New York Times.

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