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Kissinger Says He'd Quit If He Were Hurting Ford

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Secretary of State Henry Kissinger says there would be "no problem" about his leaving if he impaired President Ford's effectiveness.

In an interview published yesterday in U.S. News & World Report, Kissinger responded to suggestions that he might be a political liability to Mr. Ford by saying: "The President tells me exactly the opposite."

But, Kissinger said, "If it got to a point where he felt that his effectiveness was hampered by my presence, then there would be no problem about leaving on my side."

Kissinger said that attacks on U.S. foreign policy are becoming personalized against him "because I'm relatively well-known, because this is an election year, because people with a certain strength are inevitably attacked."

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