

Kissinger Gives Up Harvard Position

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — Henry A. Kissinger has told Harvard University officials he has no immediate plans to leave his White House post and they can give his teaching position to someone else, a university professor says.

Prof. James Q. Wilson, chairman of Harvard's government department, informed the senior members of his department of Kissinger's decision at a special meeting Monday night.

"The senior members of the department learned that Mr. Kissinger cannot now make plans for leaving his current assignment," Wilson said.

"Accordingly," he said, "they have begun to consider candidates for a professorship in international relations."

The university has kept the position vacant since Kissinger became chief adviser to President Nixon four years ago.

"The department has teaching needs that must be met and there are other candidates for the position whose qualifications warrant review," Wilson said.

For several months the Government Department has been saying that Kissinger had only a short time to rejoin Harvard.

Two weeks ago, Kissinger told newsmen, "What makes you think I would want to go back?"

When Kissinger left Harvard he took the maximum two-year leave of absence. When that expired he resigned, but his colleagues decided not to ac-

cept the resignation and to wait awhile.

"This was an unusual action, prompted by the view of his former colleagues that there was not then, and was not likely to be for some time, a scholar in the field of international relations whom the department would prefer to him."

Those colleagues "continue to hold him in this high esteem. Both he and we understand, however, that a vacancy cannot be held open indefinitely," Wilson said.

Wilson said he and Kissinger had agreed last December that if Kissinger had not notified the department of his intentions to return by Feb. 1, his job would be filled.