

Cabinet Post for Kissinger Hinted

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Secretary of State William P. Rogers has let it be known to friends that he is considering leaving his post and that if he does, President Nixon plans to appoint Henry A. Kissinger in his place.

The plan can not yet be considered firm because it depends on whether Rogers decides to step out. But should he do so, the President's current thinking, according to Rogers' friends, is that Nixon will name Kissinger, his adviser on national security, as the new secretary.

According to Rogers' friends, his resignation, if it does come, will be some time in the fall.

REACTION

Kissinger, reached by phone by the New York Times, said, "The President hasn't spoken to me about that." Gerald L. Warren, the deputy White House press secretary, said, "We don't comment on reports like that."

Rogers, who has held his

office since the first days of the Nixon administration in 1969, was on his way to Japan for an economic meeting.

When his plane stopped in Hawaii en route to Tokyo, Rogers refused to meet with newsmen, and Charles Bray, a State Department spokesman who is traveling with the secretary, said any comment would have to come from the White House.

MOSCOW

Since the recent meeting of Nixon and Leonid I. Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, in Washington, there has been a parallel line of speculation about the possibility of Rogers being named ambassador to Moscow.

Some friends of Rogers, however, doubt he is interested in going to Moscow. They believe his real aspirations are toward the Supreme Court.

Last night CBS News quoted Nixon as having said privately that he expected to name Kissinger to succeed Rogers, possibly by September.

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