

Kissinger Aide, Said to Be Dissatisfied, Quits

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WASHINGTON, April 8—A high aide to Secretary of State Kissinger resigned today over what his associates said was his despair over the way Mr. Kissinger was running the State Department and dealing with the Pentagon.

William H. Donaldson, named last October to be Under Secretary of State for Security Assistance, said of his departure only that "all I have to say at this time is that I'm leaving for personal and professional reasons."

A source close to Mr. Donaldson said that "Bill wasn't about to go up to Capitol Hill in a few weeks to justify a military aid bill that he didn't help to formulate." A \$1.92-billion military aid bill, part of the over-all \$5.18-billion foreign aid bill for the fiscal year beginning July 1, is pending in Congress.

Under the Foreign Assistance Act of 1971, the Under Secretary for Security Assistance is designated as the prime policymaker and coordinator for military aid under the Secretary of State.

The post was established under the act as a result of pressure from the White House. At that time President Nixon, with the support of Mr. Kissinger, then his assistant for national security, argued that military aid policy should be formulated by the State Department and not the Defense Department.

Kissinger Said to Set Policy

But associates of Mr. Donaldson say that Mr. Kissinger set most of the policy and the military aid totals himself and allowed the Pentagon to do the rest, thus presenting Mr. Donaldson and his staff with an accomplished fact.

Mr. Donaldson, who is 42 years old, was chairman of the investment banking firm of Donaldson, Lufkin & Jenrette, Inc., of New York before he assumed the State Department post. When he was asked about his future, he said, "I have no plans."

The State Department spokesman said only that Mr. Donaldson was leaving "for personal reasons" and read a letter from



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son said that he had been given no staff of his own to work on energy problems and had been cut out of the military aid picture altogether.

Mr. Kissinger to Mr. Donaldson expressing regret at his decision.

Another State Department source said that Mr. Kissinger had been unhappy with Mr. Donaldson. He said specifically that Mr. Kissinger felt that Mr. Donaldson had fallen down in the area of energy policy—another responsibility that Mr. Kissinger had asked the Under Secretary to assume.

Sources close to Mr. Donald-