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Butterfield resigns from FAA. Stories say he resigned today, perhaps on the basis that letter of resignation may have been dated today; no date is given. Resignation is effective 31 Mar 75.

Ford, "accepting Butterfield's resignation 'with sincere regret,' praised [him] for advancing the cause of air safety," and "made an apparent reference to the Nixon tape disclosure, saying: 'I know that events outside of your duties of the past two years have presented a particular burden ...'" (SFC) No date given for Ford's letter.

In his letter to Ford, "Butterfield said he was resigning because he was aware of the President's desire 'to put those of your own choosing' in appointive posts. He denied that he had 'argued or maneuvered' to retain his position and praised the President's leadership.

"In an obvious criticism of the former President, <sup>AMP-B</sup> Butterfield wrote Mr. Ford that 'no one could have been more delighted or re-energized than I when you assumed the presidency.'" (WXP)

No one has yet been chosen as Butterfield's successor. <sup>AMP-A</sup>

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Nixon (Butterfield) - See entry, Butterfield resigns ....

Vesco - "For the first time, a company left in shambles by [Vesco] is pursuing him to his Costa Rican haven in an effort to get some of its money back. In a suit filed early last week, International Controls Corp. ... has asked the Costa Rican supreme court to enforce a \$2.14 million default judgment entered against him here [New York] 17 months ago. The suit also asks for interest payments which would bring the total to more than \$2.4 million. .... Under Costa Rican law, the judge has a limited amount of time to render a decision in the case."

WXP 26 Mar 75, Philip Greer

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(A) - It had been expected that a successor would be nominated in the middle of Feb. Entry 6 Feb, Butterfield is understood ....

- "[Butterfield said (11? Oct 76)] he was told rather abruptly to leave, without the courtesy of remaining in office until a successor was named.

"[Presidential press secretary Ron Nessen,] when asked [11?Oct 76] why the administration [had] failed to name a new head for the FAA for several months, ... said he had not checked into the matter."

SFC 12 Oct 76 [AP]