

# KISSINGER ASKED TO REMAIN IN POST

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## Secretary of State Foremost Among Aides That Ford Will Keep on Staff NYTimes

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 8—As President, Gerald R. Ford will retain Henry A. Kissinger as secretary of state, he said tonight. He will also ask other cabinet members to remain on, at least in the early months of the new administration.

Mr. Ford is also expected to ask some top White House aides to remain on the staff, at least initially, but he is believed sure to move members of his own staff and certain old political friends into key spots in his Administration.

Such a team of both old faces and new faces, Mr. Ford apparently feels, will enable him to achieve a relatively smooth transition from the Nixon Presidency while at the same time helping him to bind up the wounds of a badly battered nation.

### Assurances by Kissinger

Mr. Ford has considered it to be of overriding importance to keep Mr. Kissinger as Secretary of State. Just recently, Mr. Kissinger had assured him that he would remain in the Ford Administration if Mr. Nixon left office.

It is understood that Secretary of Defense James R. Schlesinger is prepared to stay on, and there is reason to believe that Mr. Ford, who once expressed some misgivings about Mr. Schlesinger's ability to work with Congress, now regards him highly.

While the new President will ask other Cabinet officers to remain, he is likely to replace at least some of them later with persons more attuned to his own thinking and style,

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close friends of Mr. Ford said today.

Among those White House aides who almost certainly will be asked to stay on are William E. Timmons, assistant to affairs, and others on the legislative liaison staff.

It is uncertain whether Mr. Ford will ask Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr., Mr. Nixon's chief of staff, to remain, or whether General Haig would agree to.

Mr. Ford expressed high regard for General Haig some months ago and strongly indicated he would like to retain him in the event Mr. Nixon left office. However, at least some of Mr. Ford's close friends have expressed misgivings about keeping a staff member who was so close to Mr. Nixon.

Those close to Mr. Ford say that one person who will not be welcome in the new Administration is Ronald L. Ziegler, press secretary to Mr. Nixon.

It is uncertain, too, what role Melvin R. Laird, one of Mr. Ford's oldest political advisers, will play in the new Administration.

Mr. Laird has reportedly told friends that he would be reluctant to return to the Government, but that he would be willing to serve as an unofficial adviser. Mr. Laird was Mr. Nixon's first Secretary of Defense and later served as a White House adviser.

### New Faces

While there will be holdovers from the Nixon Administration — Cabinet members and some White House aides—the Ford Government will introduce many persons largely unknown to the public generally.

These are the members of Mr. Ford's own staff, and they largely reflect the man they serve. It is a staff that is predominantly middle-aged, con-

servatives, Midwestern and very much oriented to Capitol Hill, where many of them once worked.

Some of those who are certain to follow Mr. Ford into the White House are the following: Robert T. Hartmann, 57 years old, is the politically shrewd former head of the Washington bureau of The Los Angeles Times. He has been Vice President Ford's chief of staff and is slated for a top White House post, although perhaps not with the title he has held.

John O. Marsh, 47, is a former Democrat member of the House who served later as an Assistant Secretary of Defense for legislative affairs in the Nixon Administration. He is now assistant to the Vice President for defense affairs.

Richard T. Burrell, 52, had long experience on Capitol Hill, serving on the minority staff of the House Education and Labor Committee, later as counsel to the House Republican Policy Committee, and also on the Nixon congressional liaison team. He is an assistant to the Vice President for legislation and domestic affairs.

William Seidamn, 53, a millionaire businessman, who, like Mr. Ford, is from Grand Rapids, Mich., is a former aide to George Romney and was active in Mr. Romney's effort in 1968 to win the Presidential nomination over Mr. Nixon. He is an assistant to the Vice President for administration.

Walter L. Mote, 50, served on Senate staffs for many years and was the principal hold-over from Spiro T. Agnew's Vice-Presidential staff. He has been in charge of Mr. Ford's Vice-Presidential office on Capitol Hill.

William E. Casselman 2d, 32, also worked on Capitol Hill

before becoming General Counsel of the General Services Administration. He is the Vice President's counsel.

Paul A. Miltich, 54, is a former Michigan newspaperman who joined Mr. Ford as press secretary in 1966. He is still Mr. Ford's press secretary.

Warren Rustand, 31, is a former president of an investment company in Tucson, Ariz. He was a White House fellow before joining the Ford staff to run his scheduling operation.

Gwen Anderson, 44, is Republican national committee-woman for Washington and she was a leader in the Nixon campaigns in that state in both 1968 and 1972. She is now official liaison between the Ford staff and Republican party.

Milton A. Friedman, 50, is a former Washington correspondent for the Jewish Telegraph Agency who later served on the staff of the Republican Congressional Campaign Committee and as press secretary to Senator Jacob K. Javits of New York. He is Mr. Ford's principal speech writer.

### Others on Staff

Others, too, are certain to be part of the Ford White House.

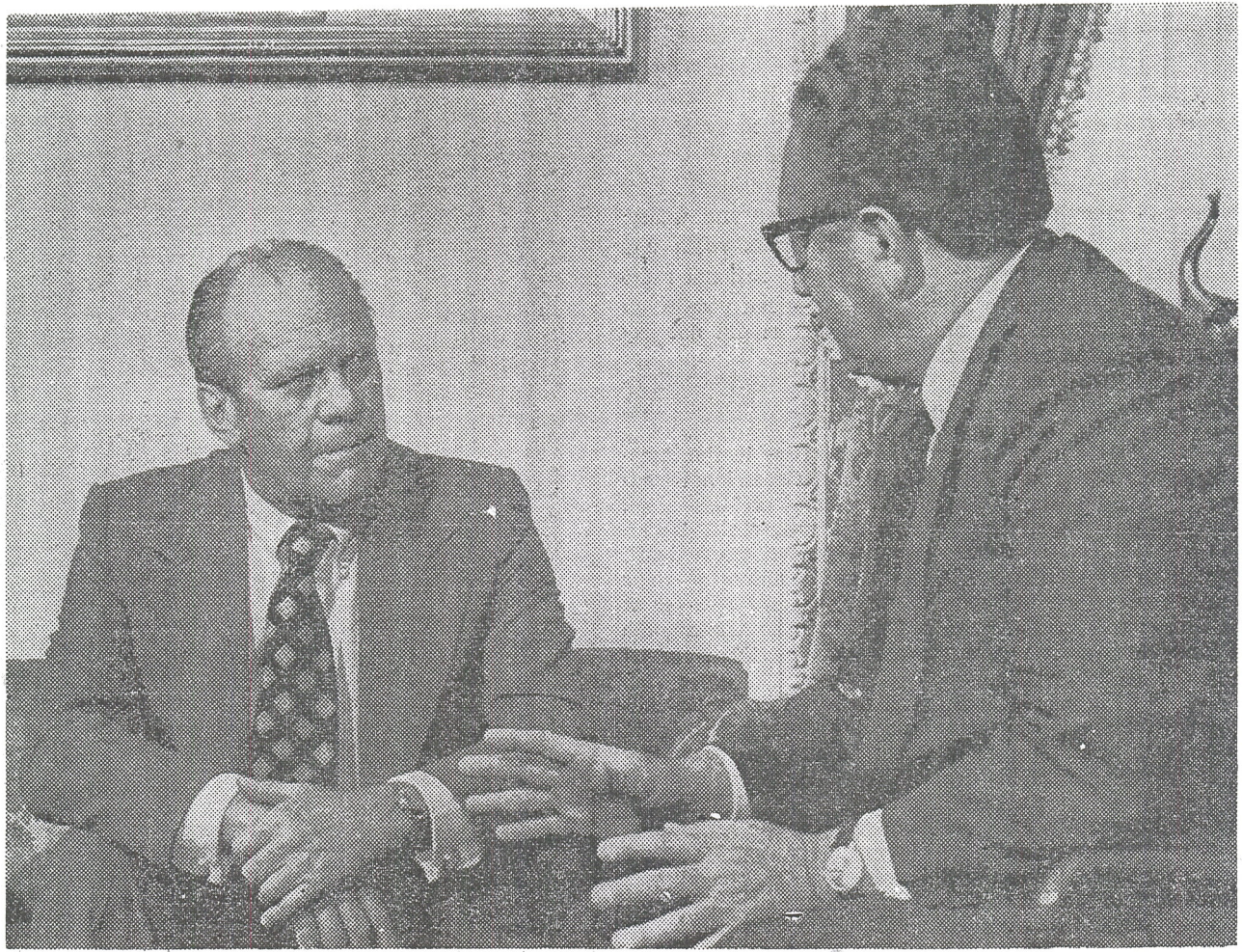
Mildred Leonard has been Mr. Ford's personal secretary for nearly 25 years and is likely to retain that job.

Philip W. Buchen, 58, is a courtly intellectual who was once Mr. Ford's law partner in Grand Rapids and is perhaps his closest friend. He is likely to be a key adviser to the new President.

Bryce N. Harlow, a Procter & Gamble executive, is likely to serve in some capacity, either officially or unofficially, in the Ford Administration. He was an aide to both President Eisenhower and President Nixon.

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Vice President Ford with Secretary of State Kissinger, who visited him yesterday at Executive Office Building