

Kissinger to Stay As Ford Adviser

Washington

Secretary of State Henry Kissinger won reassurance from President Ford yesterday that he will continue as Mr. Ford's national security adviser despite a reported recommendation to the President that he be replaced in that post.

Reliable sources reported that Mr. Ford's transition team has recommended he reorganize the National Security Council and strip Kissinger of his dual role as both secretary of state and presidential assistant.

A White House spokesman quoted Mr. Ford as saying the transition team was told specifically not to consider recommendations in the foreign policy - national security area.

Acting press secretary John W. Hushen said "There is no recommendation awaiting presidential action" regarding the security council.

Hushen declined to rule out the possibility, however, that one or more of Mr. Ford's transition advisers had proposed a National Security Council reorganization.

At the State Department, a spokesman said Kissinger discussed the subject with Mr. Ford yesterday. The spokesman, Robert Anderson, denied Kissinger would give up his assignment as a Ford assistant.

Hushen said Mr. Ford, soon after taking office, affirmed that he intended to

retain Kissinger in both of his present roles.

The aim of the reported recommendation was to make the National Security Council a broad-based presidential advisory body. Before Anderson spoke, some State Department sources expressed the opinion that the council had been "going downhill" since former President Nixon named Kissinger to the State Department last year.

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First Lady's Lament--No Time to Shop

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First Lady Betty Ford complained yesterday that her husband won't give her enough time to shop.

The subject came up yesterday when a reporter asked whether she plans to look for clothes in New York City today, when President Ford addresses the United Nations General Assembly.

"My husband only allows me time to get in and out. If you think my husband gives me time to shop, you're crazy."

"He keeps an eye on me — he knows I have a weakness for clothes," Mrs. Ford said.

A White House spokesman said the First Lady has acquired some pants suits for her fall wardrobe.

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