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Ford Decides Kissinger Will Remain Until '77

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March 30 — Secretary of
State Kissinger and President
Ford decided in a private
meeting in the White House
last Wednesday that Mr. Kissinger would continue in his
office "at least for the remainder of the President's
term," the White House press
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Mr. Nessen made the statement in response to a question whether the President was considering replacing Mr. Kissinger now that the agreement of two years ago on the war in Indochina seemed to be coming apart. There had been rumor—even before the situation in South Vietnam began to deteriorate with the loss of northern provinces—that Mr. Kissinger might resign at the end of this year instead of remaining until the President's term expires in January, 1977, if he is not re-elected.