

KISSINGER ASKED ABOUT U.S. ENVOY

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Assures Black Caucus on
Ambassador's Status

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 19—

Members of the Congressional black caucus said today following a meeting with Secretary of State Kissinger that the Secretary had assured them that "nothing will be done to impede" the State Department career of W. Beverly Carter Jr., the former Ambassador to Tanzania, who is black.

Mr. Carter was called home from Dar es Salaam for "consultations" earlier this month after he had been instrumental in securing the release, in return for a ransom of about \$400,000, of three American students and a Dutch woman kidnapped in May by Marxist guerillas. He had been expected to be reassigned as Ambassador to Denmark.

Instead, reportedly on Mr. Kissinger's orders, Mr. Carter was told he would not be going to Denmark and would most likely return to the United States Information Service. Mr. Kissinger is said to have felt that Ambassador Carter violated the United States policy of refusing to negotiate with or pay ransom to terrorists.

Career 'Being Reviewed'

During today's meeting between Mr. Kissinger and six members of the black caucus, the group was "assured by the secretary that certainly Mr. Carter will not be dismissed will be done to impede his and that in his opinion nothing department," according to Representative Charles B. Rangel, a Harlem Democrat.

Mr. Rangel said that they were told that Mr. Carter's future

career had not been resolved and was "being reviewed." But he repeated that the Secretary of State had assured him and his colleagues that Mr. Carter's "future was not adversely affected."

Asked after the news conference whether Mr. Kissinger had committed himself to the Denmark appointment, Mr. Rangel said only that the Secretary had "committed himself that nothing will be done to impede" Mr. Carter's career. He said also that "The Secretary informed us that he has not made a firm decision" about the appointment.

Africa Policy a Topic

The meeting was described by Representative Charles C. Diggs Jr., Democrat of Michigan, as "very productive." He said the caucus members had pointed out "that we could find no African policy," and said that "the Secretary did admit that our position in Africa is not clear, and we intend to clarify the position."

Mr. Diggs noted that today's meeting was the first such meeting between a Secretary of State and a Congressional group to discuss United States policy toward Africa. He said that another meeting with Mr. Kissinger had been tentatively scheduled for sometime in October.

Other matters that were discussed, according to Mr. Diggs and Mr. Rangel, included the repeal of the Byrd amendment, which permits the importation of Rhodesian chrome. The Administration had committed itself to support the amendment's repeal.

Representative Ronald V. Dellums, a California Democrat, said the group felt the meeting had "established a dialogue." He said that the Secretary promised a "major statement" on Africa, and Mr. Rangel said that Mr. Kissinger had committed himself to an "immediate review" of black representation in the State Department.