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**A Controversial
Ford Aide Quits**

Washington

Warren Rustand, President Ford's sometimes-controversial appointments secretary, has submitted his resignation, press secretary Ron Nessen said yesterday.

In response to a reporter's question, Nessen acknowledged that Rustand had written Mr. Ford Wednesday to resign for "family and personal reasons."

Nessen said Mr. Ford did not seek the resignation.

Earlier this year, Rustand was involved in three separate controversies involving a business deal and public comments about the President and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Rustand was one of three partners in a venture to gain financial control of a Nebraska insurance company but abandoned his part in the move within hours of newsmen's inquiries about it.

In February, Rustand told the Associated Press in an interview that the President considered Betty Ford's health "a very important factor" in deciding whether he runs for the presidency in 1976. Later that sameday, the President departed from the text of a speech to emphasize that he would be a candidate in 1976 "without any question of a doubt."

In August, Rustand was quoted as telling a Rotary Club audience in Scottsdale, Ariz., that Soviet writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn did not get a chance to meet with the President at the White House during July because of an agreement between the United States and the Soviet Union at the time Solzhenitsyn was exiled from Russia.

He indicated that the Soviet's surprise move in exiling Solzhenitsyn was in some way engineered by the U.S. government through Kissinger.

Kissinger angrily denied there was any deal.