

Kissinger's 2 Extra Days in Peking

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Washington

Presidential adviser Henry Kissinger has remained two days longer in Peking than originally planned and is now expected to reach Washington late today, the White House said.

There was no explanation of why Kissinger stayed in Peking six days rather than the four days originally projected. Reports that he had gone to some other place there is no reason why a

Deputy White House press secretary Gerald L. Warren

said Kissinger stayed the extra time "to wrap up the discussions and negotiations and arrangements for the President's visit."

TIMING

The timing of the Kissinger visit, plus the fact that it was billed as an advance trip "to make concrete arrangements" for Mr. Nixon's visit, have led to widespread speculation that the presidential

journey will take place soon.

When announced last July, it was said that the trip would be before May 1, 1972, but an official spokesman at the time said it could take place before the end of the year but more likely would be next year.

"Over half of my party will be concerned with technical arrangements of the trip," Kissinger said at the White House October 5 when his trip was first announced. He left Washington October 16.

Any number of problems

could have caused the delay. Communications between the White House and Kissinger have been conducted through the radio equipment aboard the presidential jet, and considerable time could have been consumed if Kissinger requested new instructions.

SCHEDULE

The problems of translation also could have taken more time than expected.

Mr. Nixon has a busy

schedule in November and December and in January he has his State of the Union, budget and economic messages to Congress.

If he should decide to go to China this year, the trip could be in the latter half of November or in the latter part of December.

As far as is known now, Mr. Nixon's schedule is open from November 15 until December 7.

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