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KEY BISCAYNE — (AP) — Henry Kissinger and most other top assistants to President Nixon will stay on the job in the second term, the White House announced yesterday.

In addition to Kissinger, assistant for national security affairs, they include H.R. Haldeman, the civilian chief of the White House staff; John Ehrlichman, director of the Domestic Council; William Timmons, chief White House lobbyist on Capitol Hill and press secretary Ronald Ziegler.

Ziegler told reporters about four impending resighations, including that of Robert Brown, special assistant and highest ranking black on the staff who will return to his public relations business in North Carolina.

Dent to Leave

Also departing will be Harry Dent, special counsel and former aide to Republican Sen. Strom Thurmond, who will resume a law practice in South Carolina.

Special Counsel Charles W. Colson, a controversial White House political operative, also will be leaving but Ziegler said Nixon has asked him to remain for 60 days or longer to assist him in planning a reorganization of the staff.

Resigning, too, is Robrt Finch who will return to California where he is expected to run for governor or senator in 1974.

New Rumsfeld Job Ziegler said that Donald Rumsfeld, director of the Cost of Living Council, soon will leave that post for a "major new assignment." He did not elaborate.

Others who will remain, said Ziegler, include presidential assistant Peter Flanigan, Director of Communications Herbert Klein, Special Consultant Leonard Garment, Special 'Counsel John Dean II and Nixon's personal secretary, Rose Mary Woods

Mary Woods. Ziegler said three Nixon speechwriters — Raymond Price, Patrick Buchanan and William Safire — will remain at the White House but added, "their roles will be changing somewhat."