

Little Difficulty in Senate Is Seen Over

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 22— Henry A. Kissinger is expected to be confirmed as Secretary of State with little difficulty when Congress reconvenes in September, although several members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said today that they planned to question him thoroughly.

A senior staff member of the Foreign Relations Committee said none of the 17 members would oppose Mr. Kissinger.

"I can't think of one who is against him," he added.

But Senator Mike Mansfield, the Montana Democrat, said there would be extensive inquiry into Mr. Kissinger's activity as the President's adviser on national security, in which position he has been protected by executive privilege from testifying before Congressional committees.

The senior aide said that Mr. Kissinger might be called before the committee for two sessions, behind closed doors and then in public, before it passes on confirmation.

Senator Mansfield related by telephone that he had met the outgoing Secretary of State, William P. Rogers, for an hour this morning.

"I tried to persuade him to stay," he said.

Rogers 'Not Appreciated'

"I'm disappointed that Roger is quitting," he went on. "I asked him to reconsider because I think he was a good Secretary of State, not appreciated as much as he deserved. But Kissinger is a good replacement and he was very good with us on the committee."

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Mr. Rogers told at least one Senator three months ago he planned to resign and return to his Washington law practice. A member of the committee said Mr. Rogers had stayed on because of the burgeoning Watergate scandal.

"The President needed someone he could lean on, an old friend," the Senator explained. "And that was Rogers. But Rogers reached the point where he just wanted to get out."

Another Democrat determined to question Mr. Kissinger closely is Senator George McGovern of South Dakota.

But in a statement put out by his office the former Presidential candidate said: "Dr. Kissinger is highly able as was Secretary Rogers, and I hope he will devote his considerable talents fully to the pursuit of peace."

Mr. Kissinger evidently did some private lobbying among the committee members during the day. He put in what Mr. McGovern's office described as "a courtesy call" from San Clemente this afternoon.

According to Senator George D. Aiken, Republican

of Vermont, one reason Mr. Kissinger can expect hospitable treatment from the Foreign Relations Committee is that he had cultivated its members assiduously during the last three and a half years.

"He met with us at Senator Fulbright's house for breakfast at least twice a year," said Mr. Aiken from his home in Putney, "and I never have seen any ruckus during those sessions."

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