New Report Conally Will Resign

Washington

A frustrated John B. Connally, apparently cut off from ready access to President Nixon, plans to resign soon from his White House post, Texas political sources here said yesterday.

Since joining the Nixon staff May 10 as unpaid, part-time adviser, Connally has had only two private meetings with the President and, the sources said, their once-close relationship has become somewhat strained.

Connally is said to have complained to friends that the White House staff operation, in the wake of Watergate-related resignations, was a "screwed-up mess" and that he could not function effectively.

One source, personally close to the former secretary of the Treasury, said Connally is likely to quit the White House by mid-July.

It had been understood at the outset that Connally intended to serve as a Nixon adviser for 60 to 90 days.

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