

Mailliard may get Nixon appointment

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Rep. William S. Mailliard, San Francisco's veteran Republican Congressman, may bow out of office in the near future and bow in immediately afterward as a high official of the Nixon administration.

That Mailliard is being considered for presidential appointment became known last week when FBI agents started a security check on him in Northern California and elsewhere.

The agents talked with Mailliard's friends and acquaintances, including newspaper reporters.

Mailliard told The Examiner the State Department ordered the security check. He said it was "routine."

Mailliard said his continuing talks "downtown" have been with State and other departments.

He said the talks were "not instigated by me."

Mailliard, California's senior Republican member of the House, would be giving up a great deal.

He is the ranking Republican member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee on which he has served since 1961. He enjoys important seniority privileges in his 11th consecutive term

and 21st year of service in the House.

For these reasons and because of his extensive experience in government, Mailliard could practically write his own ticket.

He indicated he has some thoughts along such lines

when he said: "I'm not going to step out and be a shoe clerk somewhere."