

The 'Key' Resignation Meeting

New York

In its issue on newsstands today, Time magazine cites a meeting between White House chief of staff Alexander Haig and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, as a key step in the resignation of former President Nixon.

The magazine also reported that Senator Barry Goldwater (Rep-Ariz.) turned strongly against Mr. Nixon the Tuesday before he resigned. ^{6 AUG}

The meeting July 31 between Haig and Kissinger was arranged, the magazine said, after Haig had learned of the new damaging evidence on the tapes that were to be turned over to Judge John J. Sirica.

The two men felt the end of Mr. Nixon's presidency was "rushing in on them" and "Mr. Nixon had to be shepherded through the ordeal so that he understood and would not ravage himself even more in futile resistance."

The magazine said Kissinger kept in touch with Defense Secretary James Schlesinger and Treasury Secretary William Simon. "Their understanding was that the cabinet must be calmed, must be kept in touch with reality," Time said. "A careless speech or comment on fighting it out might falsely mislead about the inevitability of resignation, might freeze him (Mr. Nixon) into a position that would grow more tragic."

At last Tuesday's Senate Republican Policy Committee meeting Senator Goldwater is quoted as saying to his fellow members:

"There are only so many lies you can take, and now there has been one too many, Nixon should get his ass out of the White House today."

Time said that in conversations between Kissinger

and Mr. Nixon, Kissinger subtly encouraged the President to resign. And when the two men met privately after a cabinet meeting last Tuesday, Kissinger told Mr. Nixon that he should leave office.

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On Wednesday evening, Mr. Nixon told his family he would resign. In a long talk with Kissinger afterward he wanted to know if he would be remembered for bringing world peace in his years as President. Kissinger assured him he would.

At a crucial meeting with Senators Goldwater and Hugh Scott and House minority leader John Rhodes on Wednesday, Mr. Nixon was "surprisingly amiable," the magazine says. He went out of his way to put his visitors at ease before seeking their appraisal of the congressional situation.

Toward the end of the conversation, Time reports, Mr. Nixon commented on his reported lack of support, "I campaigned for a lot of people. Some were turkeys, but I campaigned for all of them."

United Press

Ford Appoints Pulitzer-Winning Photographer

Washington

David Hume Kennerly, a Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer, was named by President Ford yesterday as official White House photographer.

Kennerly, 27, left his assignment with Time magazine to replace Ollie Atkins in the post.

The 27-year-old Kennerly won the Pulitzer Prize in 1972 for his Vietnam coverage for United Press International.

Associated Press