
Notes on People

***G.S.A. Head Resigns;
Cites 'Circumstances'***

The resignation of Arthur F. Sampson, who had said he planned to remain as head of the General Services Organization until late 1976, has been accepted by President Ford effective Oct. 15. In his letter to the President, the controversial administrator of the Federal Government's housekeeping agency wrote that "circumstances are such" that he would set the earlier date.

The "circumstances," according to Washington sources, are that the White House told the appointee of President Nixon that he would be replaced and that, as the F.B.I. has acknowledged, the G.S.A. is the subject of an inquiry. At least part of Mr. Sampson's problems date back to his role in the improvements on Mr. Nixon's California and Florida properties.

Nicholas A. Panuzio, 39-year-old Republican Mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., has confirmed that White House officials have conferred with him about succeeding Mr. Sampson.