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**Mission
To China
Delayed**

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The departure for Peking of an advance White House party has been delayed at the last minute amid uncertainties over the date and duration of President Ford's planned trip, originally set informally for late this month.

White House spokesman Ron Nessen said yesterday that the delay resulted from "some kind of mix-up," but expressed confidence that the President would make his trip.

Asked if the trip was in jeopardy, Nessen replied: "The President anticipates and expects to go to Peking this year."

Diplomatic sources have detected a decided chill in the atmosphere surrounding Chinese contacts with the United States since Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger completed a four-day visit to Peking Oct. 23.

Senior American officials have indicated that the Chinese, while giving no sign of a basic policy change, are disappointed at Washington's efforts to strengthen U.S.

detente with the Soviet Union. Detente encompasses a wide range of issues including trade, strategic arms limitations, agreements on European security and, most recently, the long-term Soviet-American grain agreement signed Oct. 20 in Moscow which coincided with the outset of Kissinger's visit to Peking.

A leading American expert on China, Dwight H. Perkins, told a breakfast meeting of reporters in Washington yesterday that the weekend White House Cabinet shake-up could also have an impact on relations with Peking.

Perkins, associate director for China at Harvard's East Asian Research Center, said the ouster of Defense Secretary James R. Schlesinger "will be seen unfavorably" in Peking because of his reputation there for tempering support for detente with a strong American counter to Soviet military power.

President Ford said at his press conference Monday that the China trip was still on, "as far as we are concerned."

Earlier Monday, a White House advance party composed of technicians and others was ordered to disembark from the China-bound plane it had boarded at Andrews Air Force Base after what Nessen said was a "mix-up."

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A lot of scheduling and technical issues are being worked on," Nessen said of the plans for the advance party, which is to arrange communications and press facilities.

On several occasions, Nessen said the President hoped to make the China trip

this year, although the departure had earlier been set informally for Nov. 28.

According to some reports, the Chinese leadership is unhappy at presidential plans as yet unconfirmed to visit the Philippines and Indonesia as part of the trip.