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WASHINGTON, MARCH 7 (AP)-ABBA P. SCHWARTZ, THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATOR, SAYS HE HAS SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION TO PRESIDENT JOHNSON BECAUSE HIS HIGH-LEVEL JOB IS GOING TO BE REORGANIZED OUT OF EXISTENCE.

SCHWARTZ TOLD A NEWSMAN LAST NIGHT THE REORGANIZATION PLAN WAS DRAWN UP "BEHIND MY BACK" AND HE WAS TOLD OF IT ONLY LAST FRIDAY UPON RETURNING FROM AN OVERSEAS TRIP.

A SPOKESMAN FOR SCHWARTZ'S IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR, DEPUTY UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM J. CROCKETT, SAID THE REORGANIZATION IS BEING PROPOSED AS AN ECONOMY MEASURE. HE ESTIMATED THAT SOME \$200,000 A YEAR WOULD BE SAVED BY DOING AWAY WITH SCHWARTZ'S JOB AND THOSE OF HIS IMMEDIATE AIDES, WITHOUT IMPAIRING THE FUNCTIONS PERFORMED BY HIS BUREAU.

THE BUREAU OF SECURITY AND CONSULAR AFFAIRS, WHICH SCHWARTZ HAS HEADED SINCE 1962 AS AN APPOINTEE OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, HANDLES PASSPORT, VISA, REFUGEE AND SPECIAL CONSULAR MATTERS. ITS SECURITY ACTIVITIES PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN PUT UNDER CROCKETT'S OFFICE BEFORE SCHWARTZ GOT HIS POST.

SOME OBSERVERS SAW SIGNIFICANCE IN THE REORGANIZATION PLAN IN TERMS OF THE CONTINUING BEHIND THE SCENES CONFLICT IN THE GOVERNMENT RANKS OVER PASSPORT AND VISA POLICIES. SCHWARTZ HAS BEEN

AMONG THOSE FAVORING AN EASING OF THE BAN ON TRAVEL BY AMERICANS TO PLACES LIKE COMMUNIST CHINA. HE ALSO HAS ADVOCATED ENTRY VISAS FOR SOME FOREIGNERS WHO HAVE BEEN PUBLICLY CRITICAL OF THE UNITED STATES.

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OTHERS WERE INCLINED TO SEE SCHWARTZ'S PROSPECTIVE DEPARTURE FROM HIS POSITION, WHICH CARRIES ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE RANK, AS MAINLY AN OUTGROWTH OF PERSONALITY CONFLICTS."

PASSPORT DIRECTOR FRANCES G. KNIGHT WILL STAY ON, STATE DEPARTMENT INFORMANTS SAY. HER OFFICE AND OTHERS WHICH HAVE BEEN UNDER SCHWARTZ WOULD BE DIRECTLY UNDER CROCKETT UNDER THE REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL, BUT THE 27 JOBS IN THE INTERVENING LAYER --INCLUDING SCHWARTZ'S-- WOULD BE ABOLISHED, THE SOURCES SAID.

SCHWARTZ SAID HE WAS TOLD OF THE PLAN ON FRIDAY BY SECRETARY OF STATE DEAN RUSK AND BY CROCKETT, AND THAT HE EXPECTS THE REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL WILL BE SENT TO CONGRESS SHORTLY.

SO, "I SUBMITTED MY RESIGNATION LAST (SATURDAY) NIGHT TO BE ACCEPTED AT THE CONVENIENCE OF THE PRESIDENT," HE SAID. SCHWARTZ WAS A LAWYER WITH EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN REFUGEE AFFAIRS AT THE TIME HE RECEIVED THE APPOINTMENT FROM KENNEDY.

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