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RICHARDSON

WASHINGTON (AP) -- ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON HAS BEEN SWORN IN AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO BRITAIN, AND A WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN SAYS THERE IS NO BASIS TO SPECULATION HE IS IN LINE TO BECOME SECRETARY OF STATE.

"THERE IS NO VALIDITY" TO REPORTS RICHARDSON PROBABLY WOULD BECOME SECRETARY OF STATE IF HENRY A. KISSINGER RESIGNED NEXT YEAR, WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY RON NESSEN SAID TUESDAY.

ASKED IF RICHARDSON DEFINITELY WOULD NOT BE NAMED TO THE JOB IF KISSINGER VACATED HIS POST WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR, NESSEN SAID, "WELL, I REALLY DON'T WANT TO NARROW IT DOWN THAT FINE."

KISSINGER ADMINISTERED THE AMBASSADORIAL OATH TO RICHARDSON AND JOKED ABOUT THE RECURRING NUMORS THAT RICHARDSON EVENTUALLY WILL REPLACE HIM.

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