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Nolting Resignation Accepted With Regret

Washington, March 19 (AP)—Dean Rusk, Secretary of State, has accepted the resignation of Frederick E. Nolting, Jr., from the foreign service with "deep regret and reluctance."

The State Department made public today a letter Rusk had written on March 9 to Nolting in response to the diplomat's February 25 request that he be granted retirement.

Nolting, as reported yesterday, plans to enter private business. He was United States Ambassador to South Vietnam for more than two years, preceding Henry Cabot Lodge, the present envoy, at Saigon.

Nolting has served the United States "in an outstanding manner," Rusk wrote. The diplomat, Rusk's letter said, has carried out his task "with distinction."

In making public Rusk's letter, the State Department press officer, Richard I. Phillips, told a news conference that Nolting continues his activities on the Intelligence Review Board and he will "probably not sever his relations with the Government before later this spring."

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