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I would also like to announce today that Stanton Anderson has asked the President to withdraw his nomination to be Ambassador to Costa Rica, for personal reasons. The President has acceded to Stan's request and will not resubmit the nomination when the Congress returns.

Q: What are the personal reasons?

A: I don;t know; since they are personal you should address that question to Mr. Anderson.

Q: Where is Anderson? A: At the Department of State, *where he is Security Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.*

Q: Isn;t this just a smooth way of withdrawing the nomination?
A: No, this was initiated by Mr. Anderson, and the President is acceding to his request.

Q: Where is Stan going?

A: I don;t know what his plans are. You might want to ask him.