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Stone's Successor Diplomat Named Special Latin Envoy

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President Reagan yesterday nominated Harry W. Shlaudeman, a controversial veteran diplomat, to succeed Richard B. Stone as special envoy to Central America.

Stone resigned last week, effective March 1, from the post he held only eight months, reportedly because of personality and turf clashes with another key official in the State Department.

Shlaudeman, 57, formerly ambassador to Peru, Argentina and Venezuela, was assistant secretary of state for Latin America in 1976 and most recently served as ex-

ecutive secretary of the Kissinger commission on Central America.

The nomination is sure to face resistance in Congress, which must approve the choice. Shlaudeman, a 30-year Foreign Service officer, was deputy chief of mission in Chile during the government of Salvador Allende, killed in a military coup in 1973.

Shlaudeman told the House Foreign Affairs Committee in 1974 that the United States had not intervened in Allende's fall, and he came under heavy fire two years later when secret payments by the CIA to Chilean opposition political parties and media became known. The payments, he said, were aimed not against AJ-

lende but at helping to keep opponents functioning.

The White House created the special envoy's job last year in part to put its own person in the State Department policy-making process on Central America and in part to assure Congress of its sincerity in pursuing a political solution there.

Stone reportedly clashed with Assistant Secretary of State Langhorne A. Motley, and President Reagan accepted his resignation with "great regret," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said. He added that Stone "would like to return to the private sector but at the same time remain available to the administration."