The resignation of FCC Chairman John C. Doerfer was announced six days, almost to the hour, after he had admitted to the House Oversight Subcommittee that he and his wife were taken to Florida and entertained by George B. Storer.

In that week the pressures built until he could no longer stand against them.

It was between 4 and 5 p.m. March 4, Friday, that Mr. Doerfer, under questioning by Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.), told the story of his Florida vacation (BROADCASTING, March 7). He admitted that he not only had been the guest of Mr. Storer aboard the yacht Lazy Girl, as newspapers had reported earlier that week, but that he and Mrs. Doerfer also had been flown to and from Miami in the Storer plane.

Over the weekend of March 5-6 there was a scattering of newspaper comment calling for his resignation (see box page 36). But on Monday, March 7, Mr. Doerfer told friends he was confident that the White House would regard his trip as he regarded it—a harmless social occasion of no political consequence.

On Tuesday, March 8, he learned that some members of the White House staff had taken a more serious view. The next morning he went to the executive headquarters in an effort to settle things. Receiving little assurance from the President’s advisors, he asked to see the President himself.

What he wanted from the President was an endorsement. What he got amounted to an invitation to resign.

Interview With Eisenhower • Mr. Doerfer told the President he thought he was being subjected to unfair criticism by some elements of the press. There was no conflict of interest in his acceptance of Storer hospitality, he said.

He had addressed to the Chief Executive, because he felt impelled to discuss with him the widespread publicity about the Florida vacation. As the President stated later in his letter accepting Mr. Doerfer’s resignation, the President expressed faith in Mr. Doerfer’s personal integrity but said that under the circumstances Mr. Doerfer’s decision to resign seemed wise.

The President and Mr. Doerfer agreed that Mr. Doerfer would write a statement to be sent to the White House the next day, Thursday. But