ocent of Fraud, Long Feels

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like that man was. They do dent didn't know that, he Sen. Russell B. Long (D-La.) what their lawyer and their would not be."

said yesterday that President accountant tells them about Long declined to confirm or Nixon was probably innocent their taxes."

of fraud and simply accepted the advice of his lawyer and Committee is investigating Mr. Nixon expects to owe accountant in claiming tax de whether the deed giving Mr. \$302,000 in back taxes and inductions he was not entitled pers to the National Archives his net worth. was backdated to look like the to take.

Committee on Internal Rev- law made such gifts non-de- we are going to say exactly enue Taxation, which he heads, will find that Mr. Nixon owes back taxes on his 1969-72 returns.

But, he said in a television interview taped for Louisiana Long said. "If those people, in asked the committee to investi-stations, "everything I know preparing their boss' tax re- gate them and promised to would indicate that he did turns, did something that was abide by its decisions. The IRS what his lawyer and his ac-countant told him to do. wrong and knowlingly pre-pared a tax return that Mr. Nixon's returns. "He claimed deductions that claimed deductions that the In addition to the gift de-they thought, or at least, that man had no right whatever to duction, which saved the Presi- the sale of some of his land at they advised him, they felt he claim, and they knew they had dent \$235,000 in taxes, a capi- San Clemente. was entitled to take.

"Businessmen do it all the course, they would be guilty could be assessed if the com- pected to be issued late this time. They are very busy, just of tax fraud. But, if the Presi- mittee rules he owes taxes on month or in March. 1

dispute a report in The Wash-The Congressional Joint ington Post on Feb. 6 that said Nixon's vice presidential pa- terest-more than a quarter of

"I just urge you to just wait Long left no doubt the Joint gift was made before a new until we can report because how much the President Long was asked if Mr. Nixon owes," he said-indicating the would be guilty of fraud if it committee will conclude Mr.

On Dec. 8, after making pub-"Not unless he knew it," lie his tax returns, Mr. Nixon

no right to do that, then, of tal gain tax of about \$30,000



SEN. RUSSELL B. LONG ... probing Nixon returns

The committee's report is ex-

ductible.

turned out his agents had Nixon does owe back taxes. backdated the deed.