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Nixon's Debt On '69 Tax Said Unpaid

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Richard M. Nixon's \$171,055 additional income tax bill for 1969 has not yet been paid, Internal Revenue Commissioner Donald C. Alexander said yesterday.

Nixon is not legally liable for the 1969 tax debt because the three-year statute of limitations expired before it was discovered. But Nixon said he would pay the 1969 bill along with the principal, interest and negligence fees legally due for 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Because of the Nixon case, Alexander said, the income tax return of every public official with an annual salary of more than \$50,000 would be reviewed to determine if an audit is necessary.

"Of course, a President's salary is considerably more than \$50,000," Alexander said, "so this would put a President of the United States and presumably a Speaker of the House, if I recall his compensation correctly—although perhaps not a commissioner of internal revenue—in the category of so-called automatics."

The Speaker makes \$62,500 a year. Commissioners of internal revenue earn \$42,500.

In an interview, Alexander was asked about Nixon's taxes, and replied: "As you know, we found a deficiency of interest and negligence penalties in the aggregate amount of \$432,787.13. Some of that, relating to the year 1969, has not yet been paid, according to my knowledge."

When the tax deficit was disclosed last April, Nixon said he would pay the whole amount.