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A 'Feeler' on Nixon's Memoirs

New York

Scott Meredith, the literary agent, said Thursday that a close associate of Richard M. Nixon, presumably acting on Mr. Nixon's behalf, had asked him a month ago how much money Mr. Nixon could earn by writing his memoirs.

Meredith, whose clients include former vice president Spiro T. Agnew and novelist Norman Mailer, said he had answered "a minimum of \$2 million" but had had no contact with the Nixon associate since then.

Reached at his suburban Long Island home, Meredith was one of several literary

agents who estimated, in response to inquiries, that Mr. Nixon's memoirs could bring him a total of \$2 million or more before taxes.

No comment was forthcoming from the White House as to Mr. Nixon's literary plans, and there have been no reports that he had actually begun work on his memoirs. Meredith said that as he recalled, the Nixon associate, in a telephone conversation, had used the words "if the president was willing to write his memoirs," which seemed to indicate that the matter was up in the air.

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Haldeman Asks Million for Book About His Years in White House

H. R. Haldeman, President Nixon's former chief of staff, is seeking \$1-million through an agent for rights to a book he is writing about his years in the White House.

At least five New York publishing houses—Grosset & Dunlap; Holt, Rinehart & Winston; Macmillan; Random House, and Simon & Schuster — are reported to have been approached about the book, which carries the working title "Inside."

Officials at Holt and at Simon & Schuster said the projected work had been rejected; Macmillan and Random House declined to discuss the matter, and Grosset & Dunlap said they had asked to know more about the project.

Hank Saperstein, the president of H. G. Saperstein Asso-

ciates, a Los Angeles merchandising concern, who is acting as Mr. Haldeman's agent, said publishers had been shown an eight-page outline and a dummy book jacket with a photograph of Mr. Haldeman and the President.

Mr. Saperstein said that Mr. Haldeman had been brought to him by a mutual friend. He said that Mr. Haldeman had started work on the book sometime in May and had dictated about 10,000 words so far.

"He is writing what he feels will be an authoritative and accurate account of what happened during those five years he was involved," Mr. Saperstein said. As for Watergate, he said, "There'll be something in there on it, but it's not the focus of the book."

CBS (network) Radio
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In New York, a well-known literary agent says conversations were held a month ago about publication of Mr. Nixon's memoirs, with the asking price reportedly a minimum of two million dollars. Publishing circles, though, expressed doubt the writings could command that figure because of uncertainty about whether Mr. Nixon would tell the truth about Watergate without some kind of immunity being granted.

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CBS network news, noon PDT
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The regular morning White House briefing for reporters has been postponed several times during the day. It's now supposed to get under way within the hour. I'm Douglas Edwards, reporting on the CBS radionetwork.

After yesterday's Presidential conference with his top speech writers and with lawyer James St. Clair, there's an air of expectation in Washington. The White House isn't talking except to say President Nixon is not going to resign or step aside under the 25th Amendment. CBS News White House correspondent Dan Rather reports that administration sources have told him that one purpose of that Presidential meeting yesterday was to consider the advisability of possibly issuing a news statement in which Mr. Nixon would separate his defense from that of his former chief of staff, H.R. Haldeman.

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