

Nixon Book

Figure Set at

\$2 Million

NEW YORK, Aug. 29 (UPI)

—Spiro T. Agnew's literary agent said today he expects to represent former President Nixon if Mr. Nixon writes his memoirs and will ask \$2 million for world-wide book and magazine rights.

A New York publisher said he had already been approached about buying the memoirs at that figure and turned it down.

Scott Meredith, the agent, said he received an inquiry from a Nixon aide before the former President's resignation asking what the memoirs would be worth and gave an estimate of \$2 million.

"After he got out of office, I got another call to say, in effect, 'Do you still feel the \$2 million can be gotten?'" Meredith said.

"I feel there's no question about the \$2 million figure. It would be quite a hot literary property."

Meredith said he was negotiating with Simon and Schuster for American hardcover and paperback rights to the Nixon memoirs and hopes to get an offer by about the middle of next week of "upwards of a half million."

"I think it's pretty clear if he will write his memoirs, we will be the agents," he said.

He said the \$2 million total would include overseas publishing rights, magazine serialization and book club rights. He said more than 50 book publishers from throughout the world have expressed some interest.

Meredith also represents Agnew, who is scheduled to finish a novel late this year, as well as H.R. (Bob) Haldeman and Donald Segretti.

Meanwhile, Roger Straus Jr., president of the publishing firm of Farrar, Straus & Giroux, said a Nixon intermediary called him shortly after the resignation to report "there was no question Nixon would do a lot of writing" and would consider a \$2 million offer.

"I told him that I didn't think the property was worth \$2 million," Straus said.