

PRESIDENT'S TAX BONES EASY ISSUE, TWO ON PANEL SAY

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of the Committee's Staff

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 10 (AP)—Two Republican members of the House Tax Committee have said today that they would not have the matter in their hands if the committee's staff were to handle it.

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Two committee members who say the tax issue is relatively simple were joined by Sen. Carl T. Curtis of Nebraska and Representative Henry H. Reubin, R-Penn., said. Both men noted that the staff of the joint committee was widely regarded as among the most professionally competent and nonpartisan in Congress.

The committee member who felt the issue were difficult argued that the staff would have to be kept out of the question because it feared the staff would be prejudiced in its findings.

The two men were the only ones among the 10 members of the joint committee who could be reached at home today.

Date Is an Issue

President Nixon has said that he would abide by what

ever decision the joint committee makes on two controversial issues.

The first, and by far the largest in dollar terms, is whether he donated his pre-presidential papers to the National Archives before July 25, 1969, the effective date of a change in the law that took the tax advantages out of such gifts. The donated papers were valued at \$376,000 and have saved the Nixons \$235,000 in taxes, according to the White House.

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Question of Capital Gains

As for whether capital gains on the sale of the closures was generally favored, the questions are the following: The Senate Majority leader, Sen. Mike Mansfield of Montana, Nixon's accountant, Mr. Blech, said he "would have no trouble

determining there was an capital gain on the sale, in view of the fact that the land was sold for a higher per-acre price than the Nixons had paid for it.

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Meeting Not Scheduled

When the joint committee will begin its work of deciding whether Mr. Nixon owed back taxes was not clear.

The record documents in the Nixons' tax returns are expected to be transmitted to committee members early next week. The committee's chairman, William D. Mills, Democrat of Alaska, indicated that he would want to schedule a meeting until after the documents were delivered.

Although Mr. Nixon has said he would abide by any decision of the joint committee, many observers believe the committee has no legal authority to require him or his wife to submit their tax returns.

The committee does have authority to require any tax return and there is a specific statutory requirement that it be permitted 30 days to look at any tax return involving a return of \$100,000 or more before the return is sent to the IRS.