

Florida Bank Will Yield Nixon Data

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MIAMI, Dec. 5 (UPI)—The Key Biscayne National Bank, owned by President Nixon's close friend C. G. (Bebe) Rebozo, agreed today to turn over Mr. Nixon's banking records to a state attorney who is conducting his own Watergate investigation. The bank said it had White House permission.

Attorney William Frates, representing the bank, said the records would be turned over to the Dade County (Miami) state attorney's office Thursday. He said the White House had approved the transaction.

At a noon court appearance today, State Attorney Richard Gerstein and Frates also agreed that Circuit Judge Paul Baker would privately study the names of holders of some 10 trust accounts at the bank to determine if there might be any Watergate connections. If

any such possible connections could be established, it was agreed those records also would be turned over.

Among those reported to have had a trust account at the bank was Bahamas Prime Minister Linden O. Pindling. However, a spokesman has quoted Pindling as saying: "I do not have an account in that bank and have never had an account in that bank."

The Nixon account records, specifically a \$100,000 certificate of deposit, would not be released to news media under the agreement between Gerstein and Frates, at least until Mr. Nixon discloses his personal finances as planned.

Gerstein declined again to detail why he had subpoenaed the Nixon records, except to say it was part of his Watergate investigation.

Gerstein has reportedly been trying to link the \$100,000 certificate with a \$100,000 contribution made by Howard Hughes to Rebozo in 1970. Rebozo has said he held the money in a safety deposit box until returning it to Hughes interests.

Frates, asked if there was such a link, said today: "Absolutely not."