

# Nixon Letter Auctioned at Record Price

New York

A handwritten letter sent six years ago by former President Richard Nixon to an Air Force general fetched \$6250 at an auction, a sum believed to be the highest ever paid for a letter by a living person.

The Nixon letter, dated December 14, 1971, was bought by Mary Benjamin, who represents the Benjamin Co. of Hunter, N.Y., one of the leading memorabilia collectors in the country.

The previous record high price, the gallery said, was \$3000 paid in 1967 for a letter from Jacqueline Kennedy to a British man turning down his request for a \$3000 grant.

In the letter, Nixon thanks Brigadier General Thomas Aldrich, then commander of U.S. forces in the Azore Islands, and his wife for hosting him while he was in the Azores.

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