

# Donald Nixon and His Phone Tap

Los Angeles

Donald Nixon, brother of the President, may be called to testify in a court case about the Secret Service conducting a surveillance of him and tapping his telephone, attorneys said yesterday.

Robert Wyshak and his wife, Lillian, attorneys for John Meier, a former aide to Howard Hughes, said there is a "possibility" that F. Donald Nixon might be involved in various legal actions involving Meier.

Meier left the Hughes organization in 1969 but reportedly has been questioned by Senate Watergate investigators about gifts made by Hughes to Mr. Nixon and about Meier's relationship with Donald Nixon.

Meier was indicted last September in Las Vegas on charges of federal income tax evasion. He said at the

time the charges were "politically motivated" and based on evidence illegally obtained during taps of telephone conversations between him and Donald Nixon.

The President recently acknowledged that Donald's phone had been tapped by the Secret Service and said his brother was aware of the tap and approved of it.

"The surveillance involved not what he was doing," President Nixon said. "The surveillance involved what others who were trying to get to him, perhaps to use improper influence and so forth, might be doing and particularly anybody who might be in a foreign country."

Meier, who has been a friend of Donald Nixon for ten years, is now living in British Columbia.

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