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Nixon Sells Hard-Cover Rights to Memoirs

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Richard M. Nixon has sold world publication rights to his memoirs, including publication in hard covers, to Warner Paperback Library, one of the most aggressive companies in the soft-cover book industry. It was disclosed Thursday that Warner had acquired the paperback rights.

Howard Kaminsky, president of Warner, declined to say how much money was involved in the agreement with the former President, who is said to have offered his memoirs to publishers for a figure in excess of \$2-million.

"We got a deal," Mr. Kaminsky said. "We have an absolute signed contract, signed by the former President. His handwriting looks damn good to me. It looked like black ink; he signed it in California."

Mr. Kaminsky said the memoirs, to be published in one or two volumes, will probably focus on Mr. Nixon's quest for peace, his relationships with other world

leaders and his re-election and ultimate resignation. Warner hopes to receive "a substantial part" of the manuscript within 18 months.

Ronald L. Ziegler, Mr. Nixon's press secretary, was at the Warner offices yesterday when the contract-signing was announced. Later in the day Mr. Ziegler went to Washington, but the purpose of his trip was not known.

J. Carter Brown, director of the National Gallery in Washington, and the former Consul have separate is said to were as