

G.S.A. SALS BUILDING IS NOT NIXON LIBRARY

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—The head of the General Services Administration denied, in a letter made public yesterday, that the Government had acquired a huge office building, in a \$27-million trade, to house the papers of former President Richard M. Nixon.

Arthur F. Sampson, administrator of the agency, said that the pyramid-shape building 10 miles from Mr. Nixon's San Clemente office "was acquired

because it was and is in the very best interest of the Federal Government to obtain a building at a reasonable cost to meet present and future space needs in the Southern California region."

Mr. Sampson's reply was in a letter to Senator Joseph M. Montoya, Democrat of New Mexico, who released excerpts from it.

The agency acquired the building on March 20, 1974, from the Rockwell International Corporation. In exchange, the Government gave Rockwell \$27-

million worth of land at a California air base.

Mr. Sampson wrote, the "property was never contemplated to be a Presidential library for former President Nixon."

"Temporarily storing Mr. Nixon's records is similar to the courtesy storage" performed for other Presidents, he wrote.