

# Lawyers See Threat To Nixon's Rights

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## Washington

Lawyers for former president Nixon said yesterday a recent agreement giving the special prosecutor's office access to Mr. Nixon's presidential documents now in storage "is a flagrant intrusion" on his rights as a citizen and as a former president.

Mr. Nixon's lawyers asked U.S. District Judge Charles P. Richey for a temporary restraining order blocking the agreement.

"To permit the special prosecutor . . . to rummage through these personal materials would violate not only Mr. Nixon's rights as a former president, but also

his right against unreasonable searches and seizures of his property," the petition said.

The agreement referred to was reached last weekend between the prosecutors and White House counsel Philip Buchen.

"In reviewing the extraordinary agreement, Mr. Nixon's lawyers said "it is critical to note what is not provided for."

The petition also contended that the special prosecutor is not required to obtain court permission before search of the material and copying anything he decides is relevant to criminal investigations under way in his office.

The petition also contended there is no provision for a court to receive and decide on specific claims by Mr. Nixon of executive privilege.

Mr. Nixon's lawyers said the agreement also contains "no limitations on the special prosecutor's use of whatever information he acquires" and "no limitations of the special prosecutor's power to totally control the disposition for indeterminate periods of time of all presidential materials now within the White House complex."

The petition argued that Mr. Nixon only seeks to preserve the status quo.

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