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Suit Against

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Dismissed

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A suit asking more than \$10 million damages from former President Nixon and nine others was dismissed yesterday by a federal judge.

The suit was filed in September, 1973, by Henry B. Rothblatt, a New York lawyer who represented four of the Watergate burglars until they fired him because he would not permit a guilty plea. The men obtained another lawyer and pleaded guilty.

Rothblatt charged that Mr. Nixon and the others were responsible for paying the legal costs run up by the Watergate defendants, Bernard L. Barker, Eugenio Martinez, Virgilio Gonzales and Frank Sturgis.

He claimed he was fired as the defendants' lawyer "when he refused to yield to the coercive influence" of Mr. Nixon and the others.

Chief U.S. District Judge George L. Hart Jr. dismissed the suit after a 30-minute hearing.

Rothblatt had sued for \$113,500 in legal fees and \$10 million compensatory and punitive damages.

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