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National Archives has been told not to talk to the press on any subject. General Services Administration, the parent agency, has directed Archives employees and officials that "the following standard reply must be given" when nosy newsmen ask questions:
"All press inquiries are handled by GSA's press office. Their number is 343-4511."
GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson reportedly had to be scraped off the ceiling because of a Washington Post story Sunday concerning tax breaks given President Nixon as a result of his donating personal papers to the Archives. The tax breaks came about at a time when Congress was trying to tighten up certain tax loopholes, and GSA officials fear the news leak came from the Archives.

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