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Report on Big Nixon Deposit

Washington

President Nixon still owns a \$100,000 certificate of deposit purchased September 9, 1969, in a bank headed by his friend, C.G. (Bebe) Rebozo, sources said yesterday.

The disclosure by the sources familiar with preparation of soon-to-be released White House statements on Mr. Nixon's finances came after a spokesman for the bank had confirmed Mr. Nixon's purchase of the certificate.

Washington sources said the purchase was made on September 9, 1969, for a six-month term and has been renewed periodically since then.

Bank vice president Thomas Wakefield was quoted as denying any link between the certificate of deposit and a \$100,000 cash gift from billionaire Howard Hughes. Rebozo, who described the money as a campaign contribution, has said he kept it in a bank safe deposit box for three years before returning it earlier this year.

The September 1969, date cited by the Washington sources was four months after Mr. Nixon sold his New York City apartment for a \$62,140 profit and five months after he sold his interests in a real estate corporation known as Fisher's Island Inc. for a \$185,891 profit.

In July, 1969, the President purchased his San Clemente estate, reportedly making a \$100,000 down payment. He had purchased his two Key Biscayne homes in December, 1968.

Mr. Nixon told a news conference on November 17, he "had \$100,000 coming to me from the law firm" in New York.

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