

# Nixon 'Was Unaware' of Enemies List

Washington

A White House spokesman said yesterday that President Nixon was not aware of a new enemies list until its disclosure by a congressional committee.

"If he had been aware, it wouldn't have been submitted" to the Internal Revenue Service, said deputy press secretary Gerald Warren.

Warren replied, "of course," when reporters asked if Mr. Nixon condemned preparation of the list, which was drawn up by former White House aides.

The list included 575 names — later reduced to 490 persons by elimination of duplications and unidentifiable persons — considered hostile to the Nixon administration. It appeared to be largely compiled from contributors to Democratic campaigns and liberal causes.

Warren also said "the IRS and Secretary of the Treasury George P. Shultz acquitted themselves well" by refusing to act on the request to submit political enemies to tax audits and other special attention.

Shultz said the list was prepared by then-White House Counsel John W. Dean III and given to Johnnie M. Walters, who was commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service at the time. "Johnnie and I discussed it, agreed it was a lousy idea and killed it," Shultz told reporters.

Shultz said Walters told him at the time that the President did not know about the list. Shultz indicated he decided himself against bringing it to Mr. Nixon's attention.

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