

Senator's Report

Long Says Nixon Owes Tax Bill

Washington

Senator Russell B. Long (Dem-La.) said yesterday a preliminary congressional investigation indicates that President Nixon owes additional federal income taxes.

But he added "we don't have any information to indicate that the President was not in good faith" when he filed his returns during the last four years.

Long is chairman of the Senate-House Internal Revenue Taxation Committee, whose professional staff is examining the returns at Mr. Nixon's request.

The staff has said it may be ready to report to the committee by the end of February.

Long's comments were made in a television interview recorded for Louisiana stations.

"We are going to say exactly how much the President owes," he said.

Asked about reports that Mr. Nixon might owe more than \$300,000, the senator replied:

"You said that . . . But I

heard you and I can't contradict it."

The question has been raised as to whether there might be a taxpayers' revolt if it were revealed that the President had underpaid his taxes substantially.

"When the taxpayers see how this things work out, there won't be any taxpayers' revolt," Long insisted.

The senator said "everything I know would indicate that he (the President) did what his lawyer and his accountant told him to do."

"He claimed deductions that they thought, or, at least, that they advised him, they felt he was entitled to take . . ." Long said. "If he had put as much time on his tax return as one of our more conscientious Senators does, just working diligently, he wouldn't have had time to be President."

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