

Nixon Tax Data And Jaworski

Washington

The Internal Revenue Service has turned its records of the investigation of President Nixon's tax returns over to special Watergate prosecutor Leon Jaworski, it was reported yesterday.

Arthur Blech, the Los Angeles tax accountant who prepared the President's returns, said he had been informed that testimony he gave the IRS in early March had been turned over to Jaworski.

Attorney General William Saxbe said earlier that Jaworski had requested permission to handle the returns.

The special prosecutor's office would become involved in the investigation if

possible fraud were suspected in preparation of the tax returns.

"I have not been informed that I am a target of the investigation and I don't believe I will be," Blech said from his Los Angeles office. "But I was told the testimony I gave the IRS was being turned over to Mr. Jaworski."

Blech has maintained he never talked with Mr. Nixon directly about the tax returns, but prepared them on specific directions from Frank DeMarco Jr., one of Mr. Nixon's personal lawyers and tax advisers.

Jaworski's office and the IRS refused to confirm that the tax case had been turned over to the special prosecutor.

Earlier this month, reviews by the IRS and the Congressional Joint Tax Committee concluded Mr. Nixon had underpaid federal taxes by more than \$430,000. Mr. Nixon said he will pay the back taxes and interest costs as determined by the IRS.

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