

Agent Tells of Nixon Book Deal

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Literary agent Irving Lazar said yesterday former President Nixon has authorized him to negotiate the sale of his memoirs for what will probably be over \$2 million in advance payments.

"He wants to be a part of things, to make a contribution in the quest for peace, to make his voice heard loud and clear," Lazar said. "I think it will be heard loud and clear."

The agent said he clinched the deal during a three-hour meeting with Nixon at San Clemente on Saturday, August 31.

"He was in great mental

and emotional condition," Lazar said. "He doesn't look beaten. He was in great form."

Lazar was enthusiastic about the pardon granted Mr. Nixon by President Ford, especially because it gave the former chief executive all his civil rights.

"I think he's going to tell one of the great stories of all time. After all, he's the only man in the world who really knows what happened about Watergate."

Lazar said Mr. Nixon would write at San Clemente, "but when he will go to work, I don't know."

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