GSA Asks To Move 1975 Nixon Papers

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The General Services Administration has asked a federal judge for permission to move 6.288 boxes of former President Nixon's official papers from two locations in downtown Washington to the National Records Center in Suitland, Md.

GSA, the government's housekeeping agency, said in a motion filed Monday that it als because the areas they now occupy are "urgently needed" for government business.

The papers are the subject of several lawsuits. The government is seeking to keep possession of them under the Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, which became law last Dec. 19. The law directs the GSA to make public all papers bearing on presidential abuses of power.

Nixon has sued, claiming the papers are his and that the recordings and materials act is unconstitutional. Other parties in the litigation include the Reports Committee for Freedom of the Press, writer Lillian Hellman and columnist Jack Anderson.

Whether the recordings and materials act is unconstitutional is to be decided by a special three-judge federal court.

In the meantime, other court orders state that the papers must be kept in the government's possession within the District of Columbia. It was these orders that prompted the GSA request that some of them be moved to the records facility in Suitland.

At present, the motion stated, 176 pallets, each of which contains 24 boxes, are stored on the loading dock of the National Archives, rendering the dock unusable. Eighty-six others pallets are in an office in the Old Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House.

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'The materials referred to in the attached listing (which identifies most of the material as bulk mail or books, publications or stationery supplies) consist of a list of items believed to be of the lowest possible sensitivity, and it is not anticipated that any of these materials will be required for any criminal investigations or for the ongoing business of the government," the motion said.

The motion is before U.S. District Court Judge Aubrey E. Robinson Jr.