

Former President Richard M. Nixon faced a battery of lawyers for seven hours yesterday in a wiretap suit filed against him by former National Security Council aide Morton Halperin. Halperin is suing Nixon, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, former Nixon aides H.R. Haldeman and John Ehrlichman and other officials, over a wiretap that Nixon admitted ordering placed on Halperin's telephone for 21 months from 1969 to 1971. The suit asks damages for Halperin, his wife Ina and the couple's three children. Halperin's lawyers declined to give an exact figure on the amount of damages sought, said it could reach three million dollars.

Nixon was represented by Justice Department attorneys while his deposition was taken during the session at his seaside villa at San Clemente. According to Halperin, the Department entered the case only the day before. Nixon and the others are being sued both individually and in their capacity as government officials.

Both Halperin and his attorneys declined to discuss Nixon's comments while the case is pending and attorneys representing Nixon could not be reached immediately for comment on his testimony, either.

[Complete.]