

Former Nixon Secretary's Legal Setback

Washington

Richard Nixon's former secretary, Rose Mary Woods, lost out in federal appeals court Tuesday in an effort to obtain her personal papers seized by the government following Nixon's resignation as president.

Woods claimed the papers are of no historical significance. But a three-member panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia ruled she will have to seek them under regulations set up by congress.

The regulations governing release of Nixon White House materials took effect in December while this case was under consideration. But court challenges could hold up the elaborate system set up for screening the documents.

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