

Senate Panel May Bar Nixon's Terms

Washington, Nov. 26 (AP - Senator Frank Church of Idaho said today that he doubted that the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence would agree to the conditions posed by [Nixon] in his offer to testify before the panel....

Senator Church also said that Mr. Nixon almost certainly would be required to testify under oath, a point not addressed in the proposal that Mr. Miller has submitted ~~in~~ in writing to the committee.

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Stan Mortenson, another attorney for Mr. Nixon ... stressed that Mr. Nixon had offered to testify only in "an informal context" and was reserving his right to invoke executive privilege....

Mr. Mortenson denied a report that Mr. Nixon was reserving the right to invoke the Fifth Amendment privilege against self-incrimination. He also denied a report that Mr. Nixon had declined to come to Washington to testify because of his health.

"We're not setting a precedent here of his traipsing across the country and going

up to the Hill to testify," Mr. Mortenson said in explanation of Mr. Nixon's insistence on remaining at San Clemente

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(See also WXP 28 Nov, this file, for report on the above.)