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GOP Removal to Miami Certain

Members of California's Nixon delegation have been notified that the Republican National Convention will be in Miami Beach rather than San Diego this summer, it was learned today.

The disclosure was made in letters sent to the delegates by Thomas C. Reed, Republican national committeeman, of San Rafael.

"I wanted to confirm as quickly as possible that the convention site has been changed to Miami Beach," he wrote.

"We will keep you posted as we receive details."

The letter, on the stationery of the California delegation, was received yesterday by delegates throughout the state.

Officially, the party has made no national announcement on the switch, though there has been considerable speculation that San Diego was out. A meeting to vote on the move is scheduled for

next weekend in Washington.

However, delegates took Reed's letter to mean that the decision has already been made, if unofficially, and they were being informed so that they could make the necessary changes in their plans.

Only yesterday, Governor Reagan criticized the owner

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of the San Diego Sports Arena for trying to take advantage of the big GOP meeting.

"I think he's seen the gold in them there hills, he thinks, and he's been out doing a little mining," Reagan said.

He explained he thought the arena owner, Peter Graham, was taking advantage of the party by trying to get it to pay for permanent improvements to the arena in addition to the convention rent.

"He's insisting that everything that has to be done is hundreds of thousands of dollars of permanent construction which will be improvements to his arena and then which he would receive as a gift," Reagan said.