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With a majority of its executive board of trustees directly implicated in the Watergate investigations, the Richard-M. Nixon Foundation has put aside for the time being its plans to build a library and museum as a monument to the President.

"The matter is now on the back burner and, although there is no thought of abandoning the project, it is possible that the library may be deferred until the President is out of office," said Leonard K. Firestone, President of the four-year-old foundation.

Firestone is President of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Co. of California and has long been active in Republican state politics.

Asked about the possible effects of Watergate on the ability of the charitable, nonprofit corporation to raise the \$8 million to \$10 million needed to build the library and museum, he said:

"It is possible, of course, that this regrettable affair could affect the public support we will need, but we will just have to wait and see."

He declined to speculate on the possible replacement of the four members of the foundation's seven-member executive board who are involved in the Watergate disclosures.

The four trustees of the foundation's executive group who have been involved with the break-in at the Democratic headquarters at the Watergate complex and the efforts to cover up the episode are:

H. R. Haldeman and John D. Ehrlichman, the President's two chief assistants until they resigned April 30, John N. Mitchell, former attorney general and later

director of the Committee for the Re-Election of the President, who has been indicted for allegedly seeking to influence the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Herbert W. Kalmbach, the President's personal West Coast lawyer who has acknowledged that he disbursed large amounts of money from covert campaign funds.

Other trustees in the foundation, none of whose names has figured in the Watergate investigation, are: Robert H. Finch, former secretary of health, education and welfare and later a White House adviser; Leonard Garment, recently named White House counsel replacing John W. Dean III, the President's brothers, Donald and Edward Nixon, his son-in-law, David Eisenhower, and the Rev. Billy Graham.

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