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## Tax Audit On Nixon Is Asked

Washington

A public interest law group called yesterday for an audit of President Nixon's tax returns for the last three years on the ground that Mr. Nixon may have taken an illegal deduction for some personal papers he is turning over to the National Archives.

The papers, all covering the years before Mr. Nixon was President, were valued at \$570,000 under a law that was in effect until July 25, 1969.

The maximum tax saving he might have realized from the donation was \$394,000 if he was in the top 70 per cent tax bracket, or some lesser amount if he was not in the top bracket. At issue is whether Mr. Nixon legally gave the papers away, and thus earned the deduction, before the July 25, 1969, deadline.

The group raising the question is Tax Analysts and Advocates, whose directors and policy board members are all tax experts and most, but not all, liberal Democrats.

The executive director, Thomas F. Field, suggested that it might be best to appoint an independent auditor to go over Mr. Nixon's tax returns. He made the suggestion in a letter to Donald C. Alexander,

A spokesman for the White House, asked about the tax deductions, replied: "The matter has been previously raised and considered. The allegations are unfounded. The suggested procedure would be inappropriate."

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