

Notes on People byline Albin Krebs

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Oils seem to have been cast at last on the troubled waters between the White House and Andrew Wyeth. The White House, ending several days of confusion, has announced that Mr. Wyeth is, indeed, the President's "first choice" to paint the official portrait of Mr. Nixon. Earlier this week a White House spokesman described as "pure fabrication" the artist's announcement that he had been asked by Mrs. Nixon to do the official portrait. The White House said that the President could not take time now to sit for the painting, but "when the time comes Andrew Wyeth will become the artist." Right now, however, there is no

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formal commitment with Mr. Wyeth, according to the White House Historical Association, which will commission and pay for the painting.

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