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Nixon TV Special Is 'Inadvisable'

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Richard M. Nixon was reliably reported yesterday to have called a halt, at least for the time being, to efforts by a group of friends to obtain bids of around \$250,000 for his appearance on television to discuss his years in the White House.

Negotiations for a "Nixon Special," initiated several weeks ago and described here by a former aide as "unauthorized exploratory talks" from which Mr. Nixon remained aloof, grew out of the group's concern over his dwindling finances and steadily mounting legal expenses.

"Recent developments

have made the project inadvisable at this time, although it may perhaps be reconsidered at some later date," a former member of the Nixon White House staff said.

The "recent developments" influencing Mr. Nixon's decision, according to the informant, included the controversy touched off by the CBS television network's reported payment of \$50,000 to H.R. Haldeman for his two-part Watergate interview, as well as public criticism leading to the recent cancellations of lecture tours by Ronald L. Ziegler and John W. Dean III.

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Much longer NYTimes story, with many details, filed w/gate; details include Nixon ground rules for any intv.