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Richard Nixon Foundation - In undated story, LATimes says eight trustees of the Foundation have recommended that it be dissolved and its assets turned over to Whittier College. At a Whittier College trustees meeting 2 Dec a resolution was adopted to indicate the willingness of the college to accept and administer the foundation assets, which consist "only of materials and studies developed by [an oral history project conducted from 1971 to 1973 by Whittier] and a few other items, such as furniture, files and records."

Patricia Reilly Hitt, vice chairman of the board of executive trustees, proposed dissolving the foundation last week in a letter to other trustees. [Week of 15-21 Dec.]

The number of trustees is given in various sources as 25 or 26. List of 21 is attached to clipping.

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Tapes (commercial reproduction) - See story on plans being considered by Warner Brothers Records, described as "one of the first petitioners for access."

Walter Pincus is working on the project, as project consultant.

WXP 26 Dec 74, Tom Zito

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Ⓐ - The foundation was established in May 1969.
NYT 1 Jan 75, Everett R. Holles

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Aug 74 - "Last August, shortly after Mr. Nixon resigned from the Presidency, Mr. Firestone, Mr. Schreiber and several other members of the group informed [Nixon] that they were still prepared to go ahead with the library project despite the many complications that had arisen."

NYT 1 Jan 75, Everett R. Holles

20 Aug 74 - Schreiber visited Nixon at San Clemente, planned to meet with Firestone in Europe in September.

WXP 6 Sep 74, Lou Cannon

7 Sep 74 - Nixon-Sampson agreement on tapes and documents signed.

Entry 8 Sep 74

19 Dec 74 - Ford signs legislation giving GSA custody of all Nixon's presidential documents, including tapes.

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15-21 Dec 74 - "Mrs. Hitt proposed dissolving the foundation last week [week of 15-21 Dec] in [her] letter to foundation trustees."

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"The poll [of the trustees] was begun by Mrs. Hitt after consultations with Mr. Nixon [no date] at his San Clemente estate ... and in agreement with [Firestone]. Mrs. Hitt said Mr. Nixon had agreed to the proposal to abandon plans for building the library, at least for the foreseeable future.... In her letter to the trustees, Mrs. Hitt stressed that Mr. Nixon was in agreement with the proposal and indicated that the move to dissolve the nonprofit organization would not have been taken if he had objected."

NYT 1 Jan 75, Everett R. Holles

27 Dec 74 - Ford signs legislation providing \$200,000 for Nixon's pension and office expenses, cut down from the \$850,000 of Ford's original request. "One of the major items Congress cut from the bill was funds for Mr. Nixon to build or buy a

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vault in California to store the White House
tapes and other documents from his Administration.
The legislation prohibits the use of any funds
... for transferring the tapes or other Nixon
Administration documents to California."

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31 Dec 74 - Firestone announces that foundation will be
dissolved.

WXP 1 Jan 75 [Reuter]