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'Kalmbach Still Nixon Lawyer'

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Herbert W. Kalmbach has continued to act as President Nixon's attorney and will play a key role in drafting a White House statement on Mr. Nixon's San Clemente estate to be released in the next few days, the Los Angeles Times said yesterday.

The Times, quoting informed sources, said the Los Angeles and Newport Beach law firm of Kalmbach, Demarco, Knapp & Chillingworth still performs a wide variety of West Coast tasks for the President and his family.

This comes in contrast to a "widespread impression fostered by confusing White House press statements" that Kalmbach had been dismissed as Mr. Nixon's attorney, the Times said.

One of the key roles being played by Kalmbach is drafting a promised White

House statement designed to explain the manner in which Mr. Nixon's San Clemente estate was acquired in 1969, the newspaper said.

Kalmbach, whose firm did all the legal work in negotiating for and acquiring the property, reportedly will be involved in releasing to the public for the first time copies of papers relating to the trust that controls the property. The statement will be released within days, the Times said.

Kalmbach's name previously has been linked to collections of money paid to the Watergate burglary defendants and to payments made to alleged campaign saboteur Donald H. Segretti.

In testimony before the Senate Watergate Committee, however, Kalmbach denied having knowingly engaged in improprieties but said he believed he had been "used" by some top White House staff members.

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