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Nixon Paid \$12,783 Fee For Appraisal of Papers

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 — Records released today by the White House show that President Nixon paid \$12,783.24 to a Chicago rare books expert to appraise his Vice-Presidential papers.

Although the appraisal was made in 1969, payments to the appraiser, Ralph G. Newman, were spread out over three years — \$3,762.65 in 1969, \$2,811.50 in 1970, and \$6,209.09 in 1971.

The \$12,783 fee was deducted from the President's subsequent income taxes.

In an affidavit released by the White House, Mr. Newman said he spent 12 days in 1969 examining the records.

His appraisal of them for \$576,000 was dated April 6, 1970.

Mr. Newman said there were 1,176 boxes containing 600,000 papers. In a telephone interview this week, Mr. Newman said he "sampled" the 600,000 papers to arrive at his appraisal.