

# Full Inquiry Planned on Nixon Taxes

Washington

Going beyond President Nixon's request, a congressional committee decided yesterday on an unlimited inquiry into his 1969-72 taxes and not just into the two deductions which saved him an estimated \$300,000.

Announcing the decision after a two-hour closed meeting with the committee, Representative Wilbur D. Mills (Dem-Ark.), said he thought Mr. Nixon was unwise to take a \$576,000 deduction for the gift of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives, reducing his taxes by \$235,000.

Mills appealed for useful information from "any person throughout the United States who has knowledge about this matter."

"I think that any public official who files a tax return has to be holier than thou," Mills said. "Very frankly, had I been the President's attorney I would have advised him not to take the deduction."

In a letter last Saturday, Mr. Nixon asked the Democratic-dominated Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation to examine the legality of the deduction and to pass judgment on the savings he realized by not paying capital gains taxes on the profits from the sale of some of the property adjacent to his San Clemente home.

"In the event that the committee determines that the items were incorrectly reported, I will pay whatever tax may be due," Mr. Nixon wrote Mills.

Experts say the back taxes, plus interest at 6 percent, could amount to more than \$300,000.

Mills said the committee reached a unanimous consensus to go beyond those requests and go into "every aspect of his returns for those years."

Gerald L. Warren, White House assistant press secretary, said the committee request was "fully compatible" with Mr. Nixon's announcement and that the President offered to give the committee his tax returns on Saturday so it could make a full inquiry.

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