

Ex-Governor Brown's Tax Break

Sacramento

Former Governor Edmund G. Brown received a \$105,000 federal tax break for donating his papers to the University of California at Berkeley, a student tax group said yesterday.

Brown deducted the \$105,000 over a four-year period from 1967 to 1971 said Project Loophole, a student group sponsored by Senator Mervin M. Dymally (Dem.-L.A.). Brown, a Democrat, served two terms as Governor, from 1959 to 1966.

A spokesman in Brown's Los Angeles law office said the former governor confirmed the report.

While he claimed the deduction, Brown still paid in excess of \$10,000 in combined federal and state taxes each year, the student group said.

To take the tax break for his papers, which are at the university's Bancroft Library, Brown took advantage of the same federal law that allowed President Nixon a controversial \$570,000 deduction for donation of his vice presidential papers.

The law allowing such federal deductions has since been greatly restricted. Much of the dispute over Mr. Nixon's claim involves the time of the donation — whether it was before or after the cut off date of July 25, 1969. There's no such question of Brown's donation.

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