

## Deduction for Humphrey Papers

Washington

Senator Hubert H. Humphrey (Dem-Minn.), said yesterday that he claimed federal tax deductions of \$199,153 on the donation of his vice presidential papers to the Minnesota State Historical Society.

He said that in the years involved, 1969 through 1972, he paid U.S. income taxes of \$200,991 and Minnesota state income taxes of \$25,919.

President Nixon has disclosed that he claimed \$576,000 in tax deductions for the donation of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives.

He said that he paid \$72,000 in taxes in 1969, but less than \$6000 in total federal taxes for the three following years. He said he paid no California state taxes.

Both the Humphrey and the Nixon vice presidential papers were evaluated for tax deduction purposes by the same appraiser. He is Ralph G. Newman, president of the Abraham Lincoln Book Shop Inc., in Chicago.

Humphrey said that over the years he has donated more than 2700 boxes of his public and personal papers to the Minnesota Historical Society.

He said the papers cover his career as mayor of Minneapolis, U.S. Senator from Minnesota and vice president of the U.S.

Humphrey said the donations also include certain family papers of historical significance "acquired during my childhood and in later life."

"The only papers for which I have claimed deductions on my federal income tax returns are some of those accumulated by me during my years as vice president," Humphrey said.

Humphrey said that those deductions were made according to law, that all the papers were delivered according to the time frame of the law and that "all of my returns claiming these deductions have been audited by the Internal Revenue Service.

"I have complied with the law in all respects and cooperated fully with the Internal Revenue Service in making available all of my books and records."

Meanwhile, the Internal Revenue Service told Senator Lowell P. Weicker, (Rep-Conn.), that by law it is unable to respond to his questions concerning the validity of the President's deduction.

Weicker had sent documents to the IRS questioning the deduction and said that his investigation had established that the IRS had not contacted either Newman or the National Archives in auditing Mr. Nixon's returns.

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