

They Want To Publish

Nixon

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A Southern congressman said yesterday he has relayed to the White House an offer by a group of businessmen to pay President Nixon \$1 million for his vice presidential papers with a plan to publish them.

Representative Otto Passman (Dem - La.) said in a speech on the House floor that the group consisted of Democratic as well as Republican businessmen and that they had hoped to form a syndicate to publish the papers either in book or article form.

Passman later told newsmen that he knew who the men are but that he would not identify them. He said that in addition to the group, former Louisiana Governor James Noe had sought to join in the offer with \$100,000 toward the purchase price.

Passman said the information "has been sent to the White House," but he did not describe what reply, if any, was given to the offer.

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