

# Report Nixon Is Paying Back Tax

Washington

President Nixon has paid most of his nearly half-million-dollar debt in back income taxes, an administration official said yesterday.

But neither the Internal Revenue Service nor presidential spokesman Gerald Warren would confirm the statement or even say whether Mr. Nixon had paid his first installment.

"We don't intend to discuss that," Warren said. "We've already said that the President intends to pay his taxes."

"This is still a tax case," said an IRS official. "When and if he chooses to pay up is a matter between the White House and the IRS."

The administration officials, who declined to be identified, said Mr. Nixon has paid his first installment and it included "most of" the entire \$467,000 bill in back taxes and interest for the years 1969-1972.

Most of the delinquent taxes were owed as a result of an IRS ruling which disallowed Mr. Nixon's deduction of \$576,000 for donation of his vice presidential papers to the National Archives.

Warren previously made it clear that it would take all of Mr. Nixon's cash assets and then some to pay the bill.

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