

A 'Feeler' on Nixon's Memoirs

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Scott Meredith, the literary agent, said Thursday that a close associate of Richard M. Nixon, presumably acting on Mr. Nixon's behalf, had asked him a month ago how much money Mr. Nixon could earn by writing his memoirs.

Meredith, whose clients include former vice president Spiro T. Agnew and novelist Norman Mailer, said he had answered "a minimum of \$2 million" but had had no contact with the Nixon associate since then.

Reached at his suburban Long Island home, Meredith was one of several literary

agents who estimated, in response to inquiries, that Mr. Nixon's memoirs could bring him a total of \$2 million or more before taxes.

No comment was forthcoming from the White House as to Mr. Nixon's literary plans, and there have been no reports that he had actually begun work on his memoirs. Meredith said that as he recalled, the Nixon associate, in a telephone conversation, had used the words "if the president was willing to write his memoirs," which seemed to indicate that the matter was up in the air.

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