

1,000 Crates of Gifts to Nixons Held Pending Ruling by G.S.A.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22, (Reuter) — More than 1,000 boxes and crates of gifts made to Richard M. Nixon and his family when he was President are being stored here pending orders from the White House on what should be done with them.

The gifts are in the custody of the General Services Administration, and are stored in the National Archives, a G.S.A. spokesman said.

The gifts—presented to the Nixons by Americans, world leaders and visiting statesmen during Mr. Nixon's six years in office—will remain where they are until clearance has been received from the White House, the spokesman said.

He denied a report in The Washington Post that the gifts were being prepared for transfer to Mr. Nixon in California when the White House stepped in.

A Post columnist, Maxine Cheshire, said 1,000 foreign gifts were being held, and she quoted sources who had seen the inventory as saying they could be worth more than \$2-million.

The General Services Administration spokesman said that eventually the chief of protocol

at the State Department would be asked to designate the foreign gifts to the future Nixon Library, which is to be built near the former President's home in San Clemente, Calif.

The protocol office has control of foreign gifts made to the President. Among the gifts is valuable jewelery given by the Saudi Arabian royal family, including a \$52,400 emerald and diamond set given to Mrs. Nixon by Prince Fahd in 1969.

Korff Raising Funds

JERUSALEM, Sept. 22 (Reuters)—Rabbi Baruch Korff, who led a campaign to keep Mr. Nixon in office, announced here today the formation of an international "Nixon Justice Fund" to raise money to pay for the former President's legal expenses.

The Rabbi, who headed the American National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, said Mr. Nixon had already spent \$40,000 on the auditing of his income-tax documents and expected to spend \$50,000 more on other legal expenses.

Rabbi Korff is in Israel on a private visit.