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SUIT ON NIXON TAPES**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 30 (UPI) — The head of a historical association said today that his group and at least two others were considering court action to insure that former President Richard M. Nixon's tapes and documents were not destroyed.

Mack Thompson, executive director of the American Historical Association, told a Congressional hearing that "there should be a hold on the disposition of those papers" until legislation or the courts can act on the matter.

The Senate plans to act soon on a bill that would abrogate an agreement Mr. Nixon signed with the head of the General Services Administration giving Mr. Nixon possession of the materials and arranging for their destruction within not more than 10 years.

Mr. Thompson was one of several witnesses who testified today at the start of hearings by a House administration subcommittee into long-range proposals for dealing with Presidential papers.

"We are prepared to join other learned societies in litigation on the disposition of those papers," Mr. Thompson said.