

GSA Denial On Nixon 'Pyramid'

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The General Services Administration says an office building it acquired in Laguna Niguel was never contemplated to be a presidential library for former President Nixon.

The pyramin-shaped building, about ten miles from Mr. Noxon's San Clemente residence, was acquired February 15 from Rockwell International Corp. in exchange for property in the state belonging to the Air Force.

Senator Joseph M. Montoya (Dem-N.M.), chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee, had asked GSA Administrator Arthur Sampson about reports that the one-million-square-foot building was to be used for Mr. Noxon's benefit.

He quoted Sampson as replying that "the property was not acquired as a presidential library or a permanent depository for former Proesident Noxon's records."

But he said that "temporarily storing Mr. Noxon's records in a relatively small portion of the Laguna Niguel facility is similar to the courtesy storage" provided other former preidents.

Sampson also wrote that "this exchange was not a 'bail out' for Rockwell International."

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