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Nixon Claims

Tape Privilege

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Former President Richard

M. Nixon has asserted a formal claim of presidential privilege on nine hours' worth of tape recordings ordered turned over by a federal judge here.

Attorneys for Mr. Nixon filed the claim and a request for a delay in the implementation of the order with U.S. District Judge William B. Bryant. Bryant ordered the White House tapes disclosed in a civil suit growing out of antiwar protests here in May, 1971.

Lawyers involved in the case said that it was likely a hearing would be held on President Nixon's request prior to Wednesday, the date the tape recordings are scheduled to be turned over.