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## Judge Delays Decision on Who Owns Tapes

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U.S. District Judge Charles Richey put off yesterday a decision on who owns the White House Watergate tapes until mid-January.

Richey delayed the decision to consider the effect of the law signed last week by President Ford, which assigns custody of the tapes to the General Services Administration.

Former President Nixon had filed suit prior to enactment of the new law to gain custody of the tapes and other White House documents from his administration. He filed a second suit last Friday to overturn the new law.

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