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NIXON'S MORTGAGE IS BEING PAID OFF

But He Will Still Have Debt
on San Clemente Estate

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Jan. 14 (UPI)—Richard M. Nixon's \$523,000 mortgage on his beachfront estate is being paid off, but associates declined to say who came up with the money.

The payment was due today. Charles Horning, attorney for the Cotton estate, which previously owned the property, said he was informed yesterday that a certified check would be delivered to him tomorrow. The check is to be for \$506,000 still due on the mortgage plus \$17,000 interest, Mr. Horning said.

"We will get a certified check and we don't care where it came from," Mr. Horning said. "We expect to be paid in full and be out of the picture."

Not all of the money is owed by the former President.

Sources close to Mr. Nixon said that while the Cotton mortgage was to be paid off, there would be a new mortgage holder and that Mr. Nixon would still have to pay interest and other obligations. These sources declined to identify the new mortgage holder.

The \$1.5-million estate is owned by Nixon together with the B. & C. Investment Company, a partnership formed by his two wealthy friends, Charles C. Rebozo and Robert A. Abplanalp.

Mr. Nixon was unable to make a \$226,000 payment on the property when it fell due last July and paid \$17,000 interest then to get a six-month extension on the final payment.

Mr. Nixon's personal attorney, Dean S. Butler, who told Mr. Horning that the mortgage payment would be forthcoming, declined to discuss the payment.

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He said he was constrained by the attorney-client relationship from saying anything about the former President's finances.

"There is nothing here that I can see is newsworthy," he said.

Mr. Nixon's chief aide, Ronald L. Ziegler, also refused to discuss the matter.

"It is a personal financial matter, nothing for public discussion," Mr. Ziegler said yesterday.