

Transfer of Property To Nixon Is Pending

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More than 200 boxes filled with personal items brought to the White House by former President Nixon or received at the White House after he resigned are awaiting shipment to him in California.

Any transfer of the property from the Executive Office Building must await a judge's approval, however, since a court order prohibits any release of presidential materials to Nixon until the ownership and custody of those materials is determined.

U.S. District Court Judge Charles R. Richey indicated yesterday that such a determination could come by the end of the week, and that attorneys involved in the suit over custody and ownership must be provided a list of the materials already packed.

Attorneys for the former President asked Richey yesterday to approve the shipment, stating their belief that materials outside the scope of Nixon's term as President were not covered by the court order.

The 250 boxes do not contain White House tapes or

Watergate materials, according to the attorneys. They do not even contain personal items gathered between Jan. 20, 1969, and Aug. 1974, while Nixon was in office, the attorneys added.

Included in the boxes are such items as a collection of miniature elephants and a collection of gavels, the attorneys said. Those items came into the White House with the President.

The Watergate special prosecutor's office told the judge that it was satisfied from the index of the materials that they could be shipped without harming future investigations, but other attorneys seeking access to presidential documents disagreed.

William Dobrovir, representing columnist Jack Anderson in a suit for access to the Nixon materials, objected that "documents were selected by archivists who work for the defendants [the White House], and when there was a question they consulted with Rose Mary Woods, who works for Nixon."