

Nixon Intends to Offer More Papers to U.S.

Washington

Former President Nixon has declared his intention to offer 1300 cubic feet of pre-presidential papers to the United States, the General Services Administration said yesterday.

These are in addition to his previous donations.

The amount of papers donated this time would fill a room about ten feet wide, 16 feet long and eight feet high.

GSA Administrator Arthur F. Sampson said that on behalf of the government he had accepted Mr. Nixon's declaration of intent to offer the materials from the 1946-68 period and they would be stored at a National Archives facility at Laguna Niguel, Calif.

The declaration of intent was accepted under terms of the 1955 law on presidential libraries, by which papers of

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other presidents have been accepted.

In his letter declaring his intentions, Mr. Nixon asked that the materials be kept at a facility "reasonably accessible" to his San Clemente, Calif., home.

Papers and other materials dealing with Mr. Nixon's years as president remain in Washington under court order.

A special three-judge court is to consider ownership of the presidential pa-

pers, which have been the subject of legal action. A lower court ruled that the presidential papers are the property of the country and not Mr. Nixon, but that order was stayed pending a decision of the special panel.

In his letter January 28 to Sampson, Mr. Nixon said he plans to make the pre-presidential papers "available for the purpose of study and research as soon as possible and to the fullest extent possible."

However, he reserved the

right to impose restrictions on their use and availability.

"Upon completion of a Richard Nixon Library and its acceptance by the United States, it is my present intent to deposit the materials in that library," Mr. Nixon wrote of the pre-presidential papers.

The Nixon Foundation, set up by Mr. Nixon in 1969 with the goal of creating a presidential library and museum, has been dissolved. Patricia Reilly Hitt, vice chairman of the group, said February 1

that its trustees approved a plan to dissolve and turn the assets of the foundation over to Whittier College, Mr. Nixon's alma mater, which is collecting Nixon materials and papers.

The foundation had not drawn up plans for a library at the time it was dissolved. Its assets are not known.

A previous Nixon donation of pre-presidential papers became one of the centers of controversy while he was still in the White House.

On his 1969 income tax re-

turn Mr. Nixon claimed a large deduction for the earlier donation.

A new law covering such donations carried a July 26, 1969, cutoff date. Income tax materials indicating that the donation had been made before that time, so it could be deducted, were submitted.

However, those materials later were determined to have been illegally backdated, as Mr. Nixon did not formally relinquish the papers until after the cutoff.

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