

# Nixon Papers for USC

Los Angeles

Former President Nixon announced yesterday that he will donate materials accumulated during his public career, including the so-called White House tapes, to a presidential library to be established at the University of Southern California.

Tentative plans for the

Richard Nixon Presidential Library were reached over the weekend at a meeting between Mr. Nixon and his wife, Pat, and several members of the USC board of trustees at the Palm Springs estate of Walter Annenberg, the former ambassador to Great Britain.

A key section of the agreement provides that materi-

als collected in the library will be available for public study by scholars and other researchers. A statement released by Mr. Nixon said the only restrictions on public availability would be for "materials involving United States foreign policy and national security."

The agreement is contingent on several factors,

among them an already passed law that requires that all materials from the Nixon administration be retained in Washington. The constitutionality of that legislation is now under challenge.

A spokesman for USC said plans for the library will proceed on the assumption that all of the Nixon materials eventually will be available.

Mr. Nixon's statement said that if the law preventing the transfer of the presidential materials is declared invalid, he will ask the Administrator of General Services to eliminate the provision of an agreement last year that the White House tape recordings would be destroyed after his death.

Mr. Nixon said he shares the view of other recent presidents that "the materials of the constitutional office holder, although by tradition his own property and possession, nevertheless are imbued with a public trust and should be preserved and made publicly available under terms consistent with the protection of the rights of others."

The library also would include papers and other materials accumulated during Mr. Nixon's career as a congressman, senator and vice president.

Mr. Nixon has several close ties with USC, and Mrs. Nixon is an alumna of the university.

USC officials said funds for the library will be raised through private donations. After the library is built it will be deeded to the U.S. government, which will maintain and staff the facility.

That is the same arrangement used for the Lyndon Johnson presidential library at the University of Texas.

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