

# Nixon Got Tapes Idea From LBJ

## Washington

Former President Nixon says he installed the extensive White House taping system at the urging of his predecessor, Lyndon B. Johnson, who he said also had such a system.

"President Johnson said that the recordings he had made of his conversations while president had proved to be exceedingly valuable in preparing his memoirs and he urged that I re-install the recording devices," Mr. Nixon said in an affidavit filed with the U.S. District

Court.

Thereafter, I consented that this be done, having the expectation that I, like President Johnson, could retain during my life exclusive control over access to the recordings . . ." Mr. Nixon said.

The affidavit <sup>30 JUN</sup> was filed late Monday in connection with Mr. Nixon's suit challenging a new law giving the government custody of his records, including 880 reels of tape.

Mr. Nixon said he planned for the tapes to be placed in

a presidential library after his death "with restrictions prohibiting access for a sufficiently long period of time so that no participant in conversations with me would incur any adverse effects."

The tape recordings, which included conversations bearing on the coverup of White House involvement in the Watergate break-in, played a major role in the fall of the Nixon administration and Mr. Nixon's resignation last August 9.

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