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Nixon Will Testify On Papers, Tapes

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A lawyer for Richard M. Nixon said yesterday the former President will make a sworn statement late next week in his suit to regain custody of his presidential papers and tape recordings.

"It's an incredibly important case from his standpoint and that of the institution of the presidency," R. Stan Mortenson, one of Nixon's lawyers, said.

Two federal judges ordered

Thursday that Nixon answer questions under oath at his California home within 10 days. There was speculation, however, that Nixon might avoid making the deposition by withdrawing the affidavit he submitted in the case in June.

Mortenson said, "At this moment there is no intention" to withdraw the affidavit, which lawyers said would provide the basis for questioning when the deposition is taken.