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Nixon Ordered

To Testify

In Civil Suit

Washington

Former President Nixon was ordered yesterday to answer questions under oath as a defendant in a civil suit.

U.S. District Judge John Lewis Smith Jr., said that only President Ford can invoke presidential confidentiality on behalf of his predecessor and that Mr. Ford has not done so.

Mr. Nixon is being sued by Morton Halperin, a former staff member of the National Security Council, for wiretaps on Halperin's telephone for 21 months in 1969-70. The suit also names Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and others as defendants.

Halperin seeks damages that could be in excess of \$300,000.

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