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Federal judges have ordered the bulk of former President Nixon's White House documents moved to air-conditioned vaults belonging to the National Archives to prevent decay.

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A three-judge court Wednesday granted a request by U.S. archivist James B. Rhodes to move the material to the Washington National Records Center in suburban Suitland Md. ban Suitland, Md., to preserve their "physical integri-

The material, held under earlier court orders by the General Services Administration, has been stored in the Executive Office Building adjacent to the White House since Mr. Nixon resigned as President in 1974.

The orders, resulting from legal efforts by several groups to prevent Mr. Nixon from taking possession, allow Mr. Nixon or his representatives to have limited access to them.