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Report of Nixon Crisis Letters

London

A literary agent claims four handwriting experts have authenticated 24 letters said to have been written by former President Nixon to an unidentified woman during the worst days of the Watergate crisis, the London Evening Standard said yesterday.

The newspapers' Washington correspondent quoted New York literary agent Scott Meredith as saying Mr. Nixon wrote the letters to a woman then living in California. The letters were not quoted.

The newspaper said Meredith claimed he has located the woman who is married and now lives in Europe, that his agent has met her and she has admitted knowing Mr. Nixon but would not confirm or deny his authorship of the letters.

"I personally believe these letters are genuine," Meredith was quoted as saying.

"If the letters are authentic they could be worth millions because they are obviously written from true, deep personal feeling," Meredith was quoted as having told the Evening Standard.

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