

Agent Will Shun**Nixon 'Letters'****New York**

Literary agent Scott Meredith said yesterday his firm will honor a direct request from former President Richard Nixon and will not handle the "Nixon love letters" made public in recent weeks.

"We got a request directly from Mr. Nixon not to publish this and his absolute assurance that they are not genuine," Meredith said. "We are not Nixon enthusiasts, but when he calls and assures us they are not real, we don't want to cause him any more grief."

The 24 letters, purportedly from Mr. Nixon to the wife of a diplomat in Europe, intimated the two had a close relationship. The letters reportedly were written at the height of the Watergate crisis.

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