

Nixon's Memoirs Called 'Fantastic'

Frankfurt

Former president Nixon's memoirs on Watergate will shed a "fantastic" light on the scandal that drove him from the White House in 1974, his publisher said yesterday.

Tentatively called "Richard Nixon's Memoirs," the book is scheduled for worldwide publication in the autumn of 1977, according to Howard Kaminsky, president and publisher of Warner Books.

"It is a very strong, vivid and personal account," Kaminsky said. "The revelations of Nixon will be quite fantastic."

Kaminsky was interviewed at the Frankfurt Book Fair, where he is negotiating the sale of foreign publishing rights.

"The book will deal with Watergate and a lot of questions surrounding Watergate," he said.

He said Mr. Nixon will write about 400,000 words, which will be edited to 200,000.

"I saw Nixon one month ago and he read about 50 pages to me," Kaminsky said. "I myself have seen about 200 pages dealing with his last ten days in office and it is very strong, very vivid and personal."

Kaminsky would not disclose financial terms of the book, but Irving Lazar, representative of Warner Paperbacks of New York, said that Mr. Nixon was offered \$2.5 million for the rights to his book and that he easily will make \$5 million from the sale of foreign rights. He said \$500,000 worth of first serial rights already have been sold.

Kaminsky said Mr. Nixon is writing the book by himself. He said Mr. Nixon dictates a rough draft every day, then examines a transcription and makes a final draft.

The book will have more than 40 pages of photographs, some of them never before published.

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