Nixon Memoir Story Denied

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A spokesman for Richard Nixon said yesterday that a published report saying the former president will maintain in his memoirs that he is innocent of any wrongdoing in the Watergate scandal was "false."

The New York Times, quoting

knowledgeable publishing sources in Europe and the United States, said Mr. Nixon will depict Watergate as a partisan scandal and himself as the victim of enemies out to bring him down.

However, Franklin Gannon, director of research for Mr. Nixon's memoirs, said in a statement re-

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leased in San Clemente: "The story is false because President Nixon has not yet written the section of his book dealing with Watergate. Only Richard Nixon knows what he is going to say about Watergate."

The Times had no immediate comment on Gannon's statement.

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