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Parking Lot for AF Swimming Pool As 'Essential for Defense' Irks GAO

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side the officers swimming projects. pool at Andrews Air Force Base, that is officially classified "essential and urgently"

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fice yesterday declared it isn't house and riding stables at out prior congressional apessential at all and the classification is no more than a Ohio. screen used by the Air Force proval.

agency include a golf course, men on the base. a riding stable, and a pet hospital.

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the air force discipline the in-dition to the officers club at dividuals responsible for the Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., There is a parking lot be-method used to finance the under the clause that permits

Here are some of the asser-projects.

required in the interest of na- Force used \$272,000 of airport gent, said they "were classi-The General Accounting Of-build a golf course, golf club permit their construction with-Lockbourne Air Force Base, proval, although it was ap-

to build the pool parking lot year, the Air Force spent \$24, urgency of their need but on without congressional ap-665 to convert a building into the likelihood that they would The parking lot is one of which it said was urgently plishment with military cona number cited by the GAO needed. But the GAO said its struction funds." as it accused the Air Force of investigation showed the con- The Air Force, commenting

The GAO demanded that of lawn sprinklers and an ad-was accomplished.

spending of funds for urgent

The GAO, commenting on • In 1959 and 1960, the Air the projects submitted as urrunway construction money to fied as urgently needed, to parent that the projects were • During the 1961 fiscal so labeled not so much on the a food-inspection facility not be approved for accom-

using funds to build projects verted building was not used on the GAO report, said "some without congressional approv- as a food-inspection facility at of the problems disclosed by al. The examples reported by all but as a veterinary hospital the audit report appear to the congressional watchdog for sentry dogs and pets of have resulted primarily from unintended interpretations of • The Air Force awarded directives and regulations in contracts for the installation effect at the time the work