

# Nixon the Banker, Rebozo the

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President Nixon loaned his friend Charles G. (Bebe) Rebozo \$10,000 toward the purchase of a \$127,000 house in Bethesda which is rented to Julie and David Eisenhower, according to a source familiar with Rebozo's finances.

Neither the White House nor attorneys for Rebozo would comment on why President Nixon would put \$10,000 into the property or why the reputedly wealthy Rebozo, president of his own bank, would borrow it.

There is a \$10,000 loan to Rebozo, never explained previously, in President Nixon's financial statement, which was released by the White House last December.

That \$10,000 loan is listed under "accounts and notes receivable" as of May 31, 1973. There was no indication that interest is due on the amount or what timetable there is for repayment.

Efforts to get an explanation from the White House or two of Rebozo's lawyers have been unsuccessful. Attorneys Thomas Wakefield and William Snow Frates both took long-distance enquiries for their client in

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Miami last week. Both indicated that they would answer questions about the matter only if Rebozo authorized them to do so, and he did not."

After three days of promising to get information on the transaction. White House press spokesman Tom Decair finally said last Friday: "I still don't have anything for you. If I get anything, I'll call you."

Rebozo purchased the white brick house at 7000 Armat Drive last February, a month before young Eisenhower was scheduled to be released from the

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Navy. Julie Eisenhower and Pat Nixon inspected the property with Rebozo before he bought it.

The three-bedroom rambler, situated on an acre lot in an exclusive neighborhood near Burning Tree Golf Club, has a swimming pool.

The total purchase price was \$127,000. Rebozo made a down payment of \$52,000, which included the \$10,000 borrowed from President Nixon. There is a 7½ per cent mortgage of \$75,000, borrowed from National Permanent Savings & Loan in Washington.

Monthly payments on the 25-year mortgage are \$554.25. That does not include insurance or taxes, which are \$1,932 annually.

The President's daughter and son-in-law, who lived previously in modest apartments during their five-year marriage, enjoy upper-income housing which would cost them a minimum of \$8,598 a year in mortgage

payments and taxes if they were buying the property themselves.

David Eisenhower, who will be 26 next month, receives \$250 per month under the GI Bill and is a student at the George Washington University Law School. His wife, a part-time editor for the Saturday Evening Post, earns \$10,000 a year.

Helen Smith, press secretary to Mrs. Nixon, said last week that she has always "assumed" that Julie and David also have other income from family trusts. "But I never asked," she said. "It's too personal."

No one concerned will discuss the amount of rent paid by the Eisenhowers, although Mrs. Smith says that "Julie has the canceled checks to prove that she does pay rent."

Comparable houses in the area rent for somewhere between \$500 and \$700 per month.

Whatever the young couple pays in rent, tax experts who have studied the mortgage arrangements consider

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it to be "mutually beneficial" to Rebozo and the Eisenhowers.

Rebozo, as the landlord of an expensive piece of rental property, is legally entitled to a sizable income tax deduction. One prominent tax lawyer estimates that Rebozo could claim \$10,145 for the taxes of \$1,932, interest payments of \$5,613 and minimum depreciation of \$2,600.

Added to that, the Internal Revenue Service would allow deductions for such things as insurance, garbage collection, repairs, utilities and even some travel expenses for Rebozo as he commutes between Miami and Washington to inspect his property.

In addition, a landlord can charge as much or as little rent as he likes. If the rent does not cover his expenses, he can claim a loss.

President Nixon, for example, claimed a loss of \$6,448.42 in 1972 for a house which he rents to the East Whittier Friends Church in his hometown for \$450 a year.

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