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Nixon Claimed 'Official' Costs

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President Nixon has claimed more than \$100,000 in tax deductions over the last four years for "official" expenses ranging from upkeep at San Clemente to depreciation for "personally owned White House office furniture."

He had so many write-offs for these and other purposes in 1970 that he and Mrs. Nixon had no taxable income at all that year.

The President reported a total gross income that year of \$262,942.56, but it was more than offset by \$307,181.92 in deductions.

According to a White House analysis of the President's tax returns, the Nixon's wound up paying a "minimum tax" of \$792.81 in 1970.

The special minimum levy, the White House pointed out, is a relatively new one, required by the 1969 Tax Reform Act of taxpayers with "zero" taxable income.

Mr. Nixon's biggest tax deductions over the 1969-72 period came from his controversial gift to the government in 1969

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