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Nixon Home Improvement - Total Rises

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Federal officials yesterday increased the number of Secret Service-requested improvements at President Nixon's San Clemente estate, bringing to \$460,312 the estimate of government funds spent there in the name of presidential security.

The list, compiled by the General Services Administration at the request of the White House, and made public by the agency and presidential aides, represents a full accounting of security-financed work on the president's ocean-side California property, officials said.

The \$460,312 figure, which includes \$22,000 requested Wednesday night, is more than double the \$220,000 amount disclosed in reports last week.

In announcing the new estimate, White House spokesman Robert Felt said the work was requested by the Secret Service and Security Council.

The latest additions included this work: an interior sprinkling system in the walls of the main house; \$2542 for installation of a gazebo into a security zone; \$1200 for conversion of an existing workshop into a Secret Service ready room; \$2000 for road access from the government compound outside the property into the residence; and \$1050 more for construction of three guard houses and a gatehouse than the \$22,000 requested Wednesday.

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