

# On Nixon Shrubs

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The U.S. government spent \$76,000 to landscape President Nixon's private property at his private estate, according to a federal official.

This disclosure totals the amount known to have been spent on the Nixon estate.

At least \$76,000 was spent on landscaping at the Nixon estate, including the White House grounds, according to a federal official. The official said that all these expenses were done for "security" reasons.

The landscaping was done by a private contractor, according to a federal official.

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GSA spokesman Gary Angelo supplied the \$76,000 figure an hour after the interview ended.

According to Sampson, the sizable, federally-financed landscaping operations on the Nixon grounds were necessary to repair damage done by workmen who had

been working on the grounds.

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workers then asked for the Nixon records. Sampson replied that there were two kinds of records, one which could not be made public, and those which were the President's private affairs.

Sampson then suggested that there were two kinds of records — one which we can't see, and one which we can't see.

Sampson said: "That's all."

Later in the interview, Sampson was asked to disclose the cost of government landscaping of the Nixon estate. He refused to do so, saying: "Anything that involves the security of the President, we're not going to reveal. Every piece of information we reveal reveals how much security was done. Every little piece of information, no matter how small, threatens the security of the President."

It was then that the Secret Service official conceded there was no "security" reason for withholding the information, and Sampson was pressured into executing an about-face.

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## Korean Charges

Seoul  
North Korea has renewed charges that the U.S. provoked the 1950-53 Korean war, the United Press news agency said yesterday.

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