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contributor to Republican dent Spiro Agnew and tainer, friend of Vice Pres-Frank Sinatra, enterabout Agnew's friendship ident Nixon was perturbed persistent rumors that Presin the capital because of with Sinatra.

Washington

which Sinatra will be the affair is to be a reception at publicist, Jim Mahoney, and the White House aide who campaigns, has been invitfice reported that the singer honor at the White House. ed to an evening in his ssued the invitation, the According to Sinatra's The White House press ofnephew of Bob Hope and an on January 15 or 16, before had invited Sinatra to the White House on behalf of assistant to Agnew, said he incident that reportedly em-Sinatra was involved in an H. R. Haldeman, a top aide to Mr. Nixon. Malatesta said that the invitation was made barrassed Mr. Nixon. Peter J. Malatesta,

"early in January the Presi-Warren, deputy White House press secretary, said that Friday night, Gerald W.

House."

The matter was of interest

at an "Evening in the White had been asked to perform

guest of honor.

dent had expressed an interperform in the White House this year." This was transest in having Mr. Sinatra cepted. mitted to Sinatra and he ac-

be an "Evening in the White House" similar to others reception for Sinatra, Warworld had appeared. from Nixon at which other figures held by President and Mrs. be called that but it would ren replied that it could not Asked if the affair was a the entertainment

said that Sinatra was "de-lighted, flattered and highly and that the incident, honored" by the invitation Mahoney, the publicist,

which he cursed a newspathe White House. per columnist, had not affected the offer to come to

so that he could supply the held. which the reception could be White House with dates on was checking his schedule Mahoney said that Sinatra

according to preliminary reports. the neighborhood of \$50,000, campaign, having given in tributor to the Nixon-Agnew Sinatra was a major con-

and the vice president has been a frequent guest at Sinew over the last two years, growing friendship with Ag-The singer has had a

Springs, Calif. natra's estate in Palm

vice president. ports, the Agnew-Sinatra between the President and leading to a cool relationship friendship has been a factor According to some re-

visitor to the White House to a high-ranking Republicandidate in 1976, according the Republican presidential ury secretary, to Agnew as Connally, his former Treasthat he preferred John B. Mr. Nixon told a recent

Wednesday, Mr. Nixon recan source.
At a news conference fused to endorse anyone for that nomination.

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