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Nixon uses public funds for San Clemente heating

WASHINGTON — When President Nixon was renovating his old Spanish villa in San Clemente into a magnificent seaside home, he quietly dipped into the public till for \$13,500 to buy a new heating system.

The work was done at the same time laborers were busily converting an adjacent

unwilling to pay for the heating system himself.

ARMY CRIME

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It was at the first elimination round.

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Coast Guard station into a government office complex to serve as the Western White House and installing security equipment around the area.

So no one noticed that the General Services Administration, the government's supply arm, also took care of the installation of electric heat in the private 10-room manor and its guest house.

The renovation was apparently supervised by Herbert Kalmbach, the President's personal lawyer, who will not discuss it. Through his secretary, he cited the attorney-client privilege as his reason.

Heated argument

William Robinson, the GSA official who signed the contract for the job, claims he can't remember it, although he recalls the contracts for the construction of the office complex.

The Secret Service, however, was ready with an imaginative explanation. "The heating system," said a spokesman, "was changed as a result of our suggestion that it be changed."

"We considered the former system to be in such condition that it was a threat to the President's security."

"You wouldn't want the President of the United States to be living in a house where the heating system could cause a fire, would you?" the Secret Service man asked plaintively.

He would not say, however, what was wrong with the old system that made it such a hazard or even what kind of system it was.

Footnote: No one we contacted had a reason why the President, whose salary is \$200,000-a-year and whose net worth has been rocketing upward since he took office, was