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## Investigation Of Funds for Nixon Home

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A House investigation was ordered yesterday into federal funds spent on homes owned by President Nixon and Vice President Spiro Agnew.

The investigation will be conducted by a House government operations subcommittee headed by Representative Jack Brooks (Dem-Tex). Brooks said that while he recognizes the need to protect the President and Vice President, "any expenditures that are essentially for improvements that any home owner might routinely have to undertake should not be paid for out of taxpayers' funds under the guise of security protection."

In a separate action, Representative Edward Koch (Dem-N.Y.) asked the Internal Revenue Service for a report on whether non-security federal improvements to the Nixon and Agnew homes should be considered income to them and subject to taxation. Koch said he believed they should.

It recently was made public that the General Services Administration spent at least \$1.3 million in improvements to President Nixon's homes in California and Florida and will pay \$125,000 for improvements to a home Agnew has bought in suburban Kenwood, Md. GSA listed the costs as for security to protect the two officials and their families.

The items for the President's properties included a beach cabana, swimming pool heater and septic tank repairs. Items for the Agnew house included air conditioning and carpeting.

Brooks said he will hold public hearings after his subcommittee has examined documents now being collected detailing the improvements made. Federal agencies have also been asked to provide information on such expenditures in previous administrations, Brooks said.

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