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Air Force Spending on LBJ Ranch

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The Air Force spent \$253,400 to construct an air traffic control facility at President Lyndon B. Johnson's Texas ranch, according to a defense department report released yesterday.

Representative Andrew J. Hinshaw (Rep-Calif.) received from the Secret Service as well as the Pentagon in response to his request for an accounting of expenditures on the homes of presidents dating back to Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Unlike recent documentation showing \$10 million was spent on President Nixon's Key Biscayne, Fla., and San Clemente, Calif., homes, "there is a lack of total documentation for monies expended and security projects completed in the cases of our former presidents," Hinshaw said.

RADIO

The brief Pentagon listing showed only the air traffic control facility and \$800 for "radio maintenance" at the LBJ ranch between 1963 and 1969, when Mr. Johnson left office.

The Secret Service said it spent \$10,625 in the same period for technical security equipment at Mr. Johnson's offices in the Federal Office Building at Austin, Tex., and \$53,655 at the LBJ ranch.

The service also said that after Mr. Johnson left office in 1969, "security systems were updated and new fire detection alarms, electric gates, anti-intrusion alarms and closed circuit television systems" were installed at the LBJ ranch. The cost was not listed.

SHELTER

The Pentagon told Hinshaw the only expenditure for which it has records covering the Kennedy administration showed \$96,996 for a fallout shelter at Palm Beach, Fla., where President John F. Kennedy occasionally vacationed.

The Secret Service, giving no figures, said it installed security lighting, communications systems, anti-intrusion and fire detection alarms and "trailer-command posts" at the Kennedy family compound at Hyannisport, Mass., and at Middleburg, Va. It said none of the devices is in service now.

The Pentagon had no figures for Presidents Dwight D. Eisenhower, Harry Truman or Roosevelt. The Secret Service had incomplete reports.