

A New Complaint on Nixon Home**Santa Ana**

Orange county Supervisor Robert Battin has asked the Orange county Assessment Appeals Board to examine and possibly raise the tax assessment on President Nixon's San Clemente estate.

Acting as an individual and not as a supervisor, Battin, a Democrat, filed a for-

mal complaint with the board Wednesday.

"It appears that Nixon's property is underassessed by about \$1 million," said Battin, an accountant and attorney. "That means everyone in the county has to pay higher taxes to make up for that property."

The question of the assessment on the estate was first

raised earlier this year by William Bennett, chairman of the state Board of Equalization, who said Orange county Assessor Jack Valerga's \$1.37 million assessment was too low. The equalization board asked the county appeals board to look into it.

Based on his own investigation, Battin said, the as-

essment valuation on Mr. Nixon's seaside estate should be \$2.33 million. He said he based this on the \$1.5 million purchase price plus \$703,000 in improvements paid for by the General Services Administration and \$123,000 in improvements that Mr. Nixon personally paid for.

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