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This is the house in Whittier that President Nixon rents to a minister and his family

Minister Who Rents From Nixon

Whittler

A minister and his family send their monthly rent to the White House. But they've never met their landlord, President Nixon.

The Rev. Charles Myland-

er, minister of Christian education of the East Whittier Friends Church to which Mr. Nixon belongs, pays \$50 a month, sending a check for that amount to the White House. He has lived in the house for a year with his wife and two children while acting as an associate of the pastor, the Rev. T. Eugene Coffin.

"We don't think about the house as being any different from any other house," Mrs. Mylander said Sunday. "We

just enjoy it as any other house. We never see or hear from the President."

Mr. Nixon inherited the aged house from his mother. It is across the street from the East Whittier Friends Church.

Mr. Nixon's recently released financial statement revealed the amount of rent. The statement also showed that Mr. Nixon had claimed \$26,449 in deductible expenses for it.

Mrs. Mylander said the low rent was Mr. Nixon's "way of donating to the church."

The property, which covers about an acre, has an estimated value of \$90,000, and the wood-frame house is valued at \$8000. It is in a commercial zone.

White House officials had described the house as "dilapidated."

"It's an older home," Mrs. Mylander said. "I wouldn't describe it any other way. But it's certainly not a dilapidated shack. The inside of the house is in very good condition and is very nice."

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