NyTimes Justice Agency3to Pay Nixon Speech Postage

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Justice Department has agreed to pay \$10,240 in postage for a mass mailing of a speech by President Nixon, Representative Patricia Schroeder, Democrat of Colorado, said today.

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Mrs. Schroeder said that by agreeing to the payment, the department "appears to be conceding" that the mailing, made last April, was illegal.

Normally, the Postal Service bills Government agencies for their use of the mails on a random sampling basis.

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"When a bulk mailing is done by any department or agency, it goes much beyond the ordinary sampling of mail, and the Postal Service requires payment," a Justice Department spokesman said.

The mailing, sent to 64,000 persons, consisted of a speech the President gave last March 10 on crime and drug abuse, along with a cover letter from Richard G. Kleindienst, then Attornev General.