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Veep Ford: Getting Veep Spiro's Bulletproof Glass

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Vice President Gerald Ford is going to get bullet-proof windows for his house in Alexandria, but they are going to be hand-me-downs.

The glass-cutters may have a hard time making them fit.

The General Services Administration, looking for government property which could be retrieved from former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's house in Kenwood, discovered that the \$15,979 worth of security glass ordered for his property had been delivered but not installed.

It was snatched back and dispatched across the Potomac to Ford's.

The glass was the only major item which the GSA felt could be salvaged from the \$125,000 spent by Uncle Sam at Agnew's. In all, only \$19,510 was recovered.

Partly to avoid such losses in the future, Sen. Charles McC. Mathias intends to reintroduce his bill to buy historic Oxon Hill Manor in Prince George's County as a permanent vice-presidential residence.

There has been renewed interest in the Potomac Riverfront estate, only eight minutes from the Capitol, as taxpayers began to protest the amounts of federal money spent in each administration to secure the private residences of Presidents and Vice Presidents.

Bending the Rules

The Society of the Cincinnati, whose ancestors led the American Revolution, have been saying "no" to kings since George III.

So when Jordan's King Hussein wanted to use the organization's magnificent Anderson House headquarters here for a dinner this week, the board told his ambassador that it would be against its by-laws.

Foreign dignitaries may be entertained there by United States officials, and have been frequently in the past. But the Massachusetts Avenue mansion has never been loaned to a visitor from another country who wanted to play host.

This time, however, Jordan's Ambassador Zuhayr Mahmoud Mufti, was persistent. His own embassy residence is too small for the king to entertain Vice President Ford and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

So the envoy appealed to Protocol Chief Marion Smoak. The society's current president general, Armistead J. Maupin, is a fellow Carolinian from Raleigh, and was persuaded by Smoak to bend the rules just this once.