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Nixon 'Omission'

On maid's wages

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President Nixon neglected to pay Social Security taxes for a maid he employed at his San Clemente home in 1969, though he took one-quarter of the wages he paid her as a "business deduction" on his own tax return, according to the Congressional study of Mr. Nixon's taxes.

It is reported in a brief passage and footnote in the 994-page study of Mr. Nixon's tax returns that was prepared by the staff of the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation and made public on Wednesday.

The study also reports that Mr. Nixon failed to pay Social Security taxes for the gardener at San Clemente, Calif., for six months of 1970, though he also deducted one quarter of the gardener's salary on his own return.

The staff of the committee concluded that Social Security taxes should have been paid for both individuals.

Diane Sawyer, an assistant in the White House press office, would make no comment on the Social Security

taxes, beyond stating, "The President did not handle any aspect of his tax returns. They were done entirely by the tax experts that he hired."

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