



## 'Law and Order'

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OF THE MILLIONS of dollars that ex-President Nixon distributed to make good his campaign cry "law and order," a staggering amount was spent to maintain order for his own well-being.

Through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration \$3.5 million of the taxpayers' money was given to Florida to help keep the peace during the 1972 conventions.

Another \$558,924 was bequeathed to the San Clemente police to make the area safer for Richard Nixon.

The grants to Florida, of course, benefited Republicans and Democrats alike, since both parties held their conventions in Miami Beach in 1972.

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INTERNAL DOCUMENTS, intended for official eyes only, tell how the money was spent:

- — The police departments of Miami and Miami Beach received more than \$2 million. It was spent for overtime police pay, portable radios, closed circuit TV monitoring systems, mobile communication vans, night vision devices, high-intensity lights, photographic and protective equipment.

- — Because the 250 state highway patrolmen assigned to the Democratic convention complained about the communications problem, LEAA allotted \$79,795 to purchase 325 "helmet type portable radios" in time

for the Republican convention.

- — Another \$50,385 was granted to provide Florida police with sophisticated equipment to make radio broadcasting more secure for "highly confidential communications."

- — The thinkers got \$46,259 to evaluate the police handling of the conventions. But the findings, which were supposed to be made available to LEAA to share with other communities, haven't yet been delivered.

- — To control the rowdies, a \$24,786 grant was awarded to replenish stocks "after the present supply of tear gas is exhausted."

- — There were other cash grants for miscellaneous purposes, including \$2112 for Dr. Robert P. Johnson to handle "such things as stress and strain, minor lacerations and wounds possibly occurring and treatment of common disorders such as colds, fevers and influenza."

The San Clemente police, meanwhile spent their money on riot gear and police vehicles, including a Ford Bronco pick-up truck suitable for bouncing along the California beach below Nixon's seaside estate.

**Footnote:** Our associate Bob Owens, who has been conducting a three-month investigation of LEAA, reports that no federal funds will be offered Kansas City or New York City for the 1976 conventions. Nor will the equipment from Florida be transferred to the new convention sites.