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Nixon Home Improvement --Total Rises

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Federal officials yesterday increased the number of Secret Service requested improvements at President Nixon's San Clemente estate, bringing to \$460,312 the estimate of government funds spent there in the name of presidential security.

The list, compiled by the General Services Administration at the request of the White House, and made public by the agency and presidential aides, represents a full accounting of federally financed work on Mr. Nixon's oceanside California property, officials said.

The \$460,312 figure is about \$35,000 higher than a tentative figure disclosed Wednesday night -- and more than double the dollar amount disclosed in recent weeks.

In disclosing the new accounting, a White House spokesman repeated that all the work "was at the express request of the Secret Service for security reasons."

The latest disclosure included this work: \$23,000 for an interior sprinkling system in the walls of the Nixon home; \$6642 for renovation of a gazebo into a security post; \$1700 for conversion of an existing workshop into a Secret Service ready room; \$1500 for road access from the government compound outside the property into the residence; and \$1650 more for construction of three guard houses and a gate house than the \$22,000 reported Wednesday.

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