

\$124,000 Spent On Agnew's Home

Washington

U.S. taxpayers have spent more than \$124,000 to fix up the private home which Vice President Spiro Agnew bought earlier this year for \$190,000, a government agency reported yesterday.

The General Services Administration, the housekeeping arm of the government, told a congressional panel that the Secret Service had asked for the repairs and additions to protect the Vice President.

The report was made to a House appropriations subcommittee, which made public Wednesday details showing the government had spent about \$1.8 million to fix up the Florida and California homes of President Nixon at the request of the Secret Service.

Among the improvements made at Agnew's home in a fashionable suburb just outside Washington was a brick and redwood fence costing \$39,500.

The agency told the congressional panel that be-

tween April and June the government had also spent the following on Agnew's home:

- Nearly \$16,000 to replace the windows with bullet proof glass.
- About \$14,000 on a driveway and parking area.
- \$850 for a flagstone walk to an outdoor patio.
- More than \$3000 to fix up a basement bathroom and paint the basement.

Landscaping was also done at the Vice President's residence, including more than \$1000 spent for removal of a stone wall and three stumps, and \$2000 for sodding and replanting.

The home of the Vice President is privately owned.

There has been considerable press criticism about government spending on Mr. Nixon's homes, which the Secret Service has said was done for security reasons.

This was the first indication that work at Agnew's house had been paid for by the government.

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