

House to Probe Nixon Home Repairs

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A special hearing will be held Wednesday by a unit of the House Appropriations Committee to determine if federal expenditures on improvements for President Nixon's California and Florida houses were proper.

Last week, the General Services Administration, the

government supply and construction agency, disclosed that it had spent \$1.3 million on the two houses.

The improvements ranged from bullet-proof glass screens and outdoor lighting systems to decorative pillows for the President's den, new windows, room heaters, and a swimming pool heater.

GSA said all but two of the expenditures—about \$4,800 in furniture for Mr. Nixon's den

and \$2,329 for a painted flagpole—had been requested by the Secret Service for security purposes.

John W. Warner, assistant to the director of the Secret Service, said he has found authorization from his agency for most of the expenditures.

One item missing, he said, was a request for surveying of the San Clemente residence and property. These expenditures came to \$4,441.

Richard Q. Vawter, a GSA spokesman, said he understands the surveying was required for installation of a wall that the Secret Service had requested.

When the White House first announced that Mr. Nixon would buy the San Clemente property, it said a survey would be made to determine the exact area of the estate. The results of that survey, in turn, would affect the purchase price, the White House said.