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Home Costs Called Big Nixon Problem

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President Nixon will suffer more from charges that U.S. tax dollars were used for improvements to his San Clemente and Key Biscayne homes than from the Watergate scandal, former presidential adviser Kenneth O'Donnell says.

"While the public may not understand the complications of Watergate, it does understand paying for improvements to the President's homes in California and Florida," O'Donnell said in an interview with

the Boston Herald American published yesterday.

O'Donnell served as special adviser and appointments secretary to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

He said he is "horrified" by talk of impeachment or resignation of the President as a result of the Watergate affair.

"However, when the evidence is in, Nixon may have to make a decision to serve his nation," O'Donnell said.

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