

Nixon Home Outlay Data Is Promised

The ranking minority member of the House Government Activities subcommittee said yesterday he has received assurances from the White House that all records of federally-financed improvements to President Nixon's homes in California and Florida will be released within 10 days.

Rep. John H. Buchanan Jr. (R-Ala.) predicted that the White House accounting will show that expenditures for improvements to Mr. Nixon's homes exceeded those made during previous administrations. He attributed the higher costs to an increased security awareness resulting from the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

"How does one assign a price tag to the life of a President? What level of spending is too much if there is the barest chance it may help avert the type of tragedy which has plagued this nation and shocked the world in recent years?" Buchanan asked at a press conference.

Administration sources have said that outlays for security work and improvements at the presidential compounds at Key Biscayne, Fla., and San Clemente, Calif., will be between \$3.5 and \$3.7 million.

Previously, the General Services Administration had estimated spending at the President's homes at \$1.9 million, much of it being listed as construction requested by the Secret Service for the protection of Mr. Nixon and his family.

Buchanan said that despite White House promises that all documents relating to the home improvements will be released, he supported the subcommittee's decision to seek subpoenas for GSA material.

This, he said, is necessary to assure that Congress will obtain all the documents during the August recess. These would include, he said, records of spending in the administrations of Presidents Johnson, Kennedy and Eisenhower.