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Secret Service to Leave Key Biscayne

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The Secret Service will begin a "total phaseout" of its protective operation on former President Nixon's compound on Key Biscayne, the Miami Herald reported yesterday.

"We have learned that Key Biscayne will not be the primary residence of the former president," the newspaper quoted William Hawthorne of the Secret Service in Washington as

saying.

The Herald said in a story that Hawthorne didn't elaborate as to the exact time of the move from the compound. Mr. Nixon has been at his home in San Clemente since his resignation last month.

The paper also quoted officials of the General Services Administration as saying the GSA is preparing to withdraw government-purchased equipment from Key Bis-

cayne. The House Government Operations Committee reported last May the government agencies had spent \$17.1 million for improvements at Key Biscayne and San Clemente.

The expenditures at Key Biscayne include a \$418,000 helicopter landing pad, \$128,708 in bulletproof glass doors and a \$14,000 shark net.

Secret Service spokesmen said they expect to recover

90 per cent of their equipment at the compound, including a guard house that blocks off Bay lane, the Herald said.

The compound includes two Nixon houses with assessed values of \$185,401 and \$229,929, a home owned by long-time Nixon friend and Key Biscayne banker Charles Rebozo and two houses owned by the GSA.

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