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## Washington

Congressional investigators and the Internal Revenus Service have raised a new issue concerning the propriety of President Nixon's tax returns.

The additional issue is the depreciation, totaling \$17,-216, that Mr. Nixon has claimed for a new cabinet table and other office furniture that he bought for his own use in Washington and

San Clemente.

The two sets of investigators have not yet concluded that the deductions for depreciation of the furniture were illegal. But they are reported to feel that the deductions were highly questionable, at best, and should have been challenged when the IRS audited Mr. Nixon's returns for 1970 and 1971 in May of last year.

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