

Peninsula Man's Gift to Nixon

Jesus (Jesse) Monroy, the Los Banos builder who bought the Fosters West chain of restaurants to get the Benny Bufano mural at Moars Cafeteria, has sent President Nixon a \$10,000 check to help with his income taxes, the White House disclosed yesterday.

Director Ken Clawson of White House communications said the check would be sent back with a note of appreciation — and word that Mr. Nixon wants to thank him personally when he next visits San Clemente.

This brought the presidential tax-help donations to \$57,000, which the White House said would be returned, because President Nixon wants to "pay every cent" of his income taxes himself.

Monroy wrote the President that he had come up from Mexico 25 years ago as a penniless immigrant.

"By hard work I have been able to make my way from the position of dishwasher to the desirable station in life that I now occupy as owner of several businesses.

"It grieves me to see you misused by many individuals and groups such as in the Watergate case. Now they are belittling you over your income taxes.

When they do this they do not give the public any kind of comparison which I am sure would show that you have always done the things you felt right in the best interest of our country."