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Replacement of the heat-ing system at President Nixon's seaside residence in San Clemente, Calif., was paid for with taxpayers' money because the previous system was "in such a condition that it was a threat to the President's safety," a

Secret Service spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman would not specify what was the matter with the previous system, or even what kind of system it

was. Use of some \$13,500 in public funds to replace the system was reported yesterday by syndicated columnist Jack Anderson. The Secret Service, con-

The Secret Service, con-firming the Anderson report, said the government paid for the announcement be-cause: "We were the ones that urged the system be changed over."

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