

WHITE HOUSE DENIES NIXON FUND ARTICLE

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WASHINGTON, May 14 (AP) —The White House described as "a total fabrication" yesterday a newspaper article that said Senate investigators believed President Nixon might have used leftover 1968 campaign funds to buy his California estate.

"It is a totally false and malicious report," Ronald L. Ziegler, press secretary, said.

The Santa Ana Register quoted unidentified investigators for the Senate Watergate committee as saying they believed Mr. Nixon may have used \$1-million in unreported funds left over from his 1968 Presidential campaign to purchase the estate at San Clemente.

Senator Sam J. Ervin Jr., Democrat of North Carolina, chairman of the special committee, said of the report: "I never heard about it before you mentioned it." Staff lawyers also said they had no such report.

About an hour after the report had moved on The Associated Press wires, Mr. Ziegler summoned reporters to his office and said contacts with members of the Senate investigating committee indicated its staff "has absolutely no information to support this story."