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U.S. Revises San Clemente Aid Total

WASHINGTON, June 14 (AP) — The Federal Government says it has spent \$423,000 at the request of the Secret Service for improvements at President Nixon's San Clemente estate intended to increase Presidential security.

In the fullest accounting to date of federally financed work on the President's oceanside California property, officials listed last night projects ranging from a \$5,000 electrical system to a \$1,700 workshop renovation.

The tentative figure compiled by the General Services Administration at White House request was about double the estimate on San Clemente projects disclosed in news articles during the last two weeks.

The White House has also asked the agency to prepare a report on similar projects at the President's Key Biscayne, Fla., home.

All of the San Clemente work, a White House spokesman said, "was at the express request of the Secret Service for security reason."

Mr. Nixon, through Herbert Kalmbach, his former personal attorney, paid for portions of

some projects such as a sewer connection, the official said.

"The G.S.A. was scrupulous in dealing with Kalmbach . . . in pro-rating what the Government should pay for," he said.

Mr. Kalmbach, of Newport Beach, Calif., has been a major Nixon campaign fund-raiser and has been linked to payments to defendants in the Watergate bugging conspiracy. The White House said last month he no longer was the President's personal attorney.

According to the G.S.A. breakdown, these were the federally financed projects on the Nixon property:

¶\$175,000 for conduits, wiring, fire and signal systems and lights in and around the President's Spanish-style mansion.

¶\$76,000 for landscaping.

¶\$57,582 for a brick wall stretching for about 1,500 feet around three sides of the estate.

¶\$26,740 for three guard booths, a gatehouse and gate and related work.

¶\$15,989 to repair driveways damaged by construction equipment and for construction of additional driveways.

¶\$13,500 for an electric heating system to replace a furnace

the Secret Service deemed a hazard.

¶\$13,186 for construction of a walkway across railroad tracks separating the house from the beach, for a railroad signal system and for a "security outpost" on the beach.

¶\$12,964 for a bullet-proof windscreen along the President's swimming pool.

¶\$11,561 for a redwood fence along the railroad track. \$9,500 for a new water line deemed necessary for fire protection and for the Government's 3,200 share of a \$9,000 sewer line.

¶\$1,700 for renovation of a workshop as a Secret Service "ready room."

Most of the work was done in the summer of 1969 as part of "operation Sunrise," a code name for the effort to prepare the estate for occupancy. The sum was in addition to the \$123,514 that the White House said last month the Nixons had spent for improvements.

Mr. Nixon purchased the 29-acre tract in 1969 with the help of a \$625,000 loan from a New York industrialist Robert Abplanalp, the White House said last month.