

U.S. Spent \$2 Million On Two Nixon Homes

Washington

The federal government said yesterday it has spent nearly \$2 million on President Nixon's homes in Key Biscayne, and San Clemente.

The General Services Administration, the federal housekeeping agency, said \$1,180,522.64 was spent on improvement and maintenance at the Key Biscayne compound and \$703,367.20 was spent over the past 4½ years for the San Clemente estate. The San Clemente figure was revised upward from a little over \$400,000 and the Key Biscayne total was the first of its kind.

The GSA released the fig-

ures from official audits it took following varying reports of the cost to the government for additions and improvements.

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A White House spokesman said all of the money spent was for security or security-related items.

The spokesman said none of the work done on either the Key Biscayne complex—which includes five houses, two owned by Mr. Nixon—or on the presidential estate at San Clemente was done at Mr. Nixon's request.

He said all the improvements and landscaping, which included installation of a central heating system at the California compound, were at the request of the Secret Service.

Mr. Nixon's best friend, C. G. "Bebe" Rebozo, is a next-door neighbor of the President and has his home in the Key Biscayne compound. New York businessman Robert H. Abplanalp also owns a home in the Key Biscayne complex as well as 23 acres of the 29-acre San Clemente spread.

The White House spokesman said improvements were made only on presidential properties.

Included in the expenditures at the Florida White House was \$161,463 for rent

for two houses for the Secret Service and White House communications staffers.

FIGURES

Last week the White House said GSA figures showed that \$460,302 had been spent at the San Clemente estate for security installations. Last month the White House listed federal government expenditures at only \$39,000.

The GSA ordered an audit following revelations by the Santa Ana Register and other published reports that showed outlays to be much higher at La Casa Pacifica.

The documents for all the expenditures in California are located in the San Francisco regional office.

The expenditures for the 1970 fiscal year totaled \$613,999.60, the GSA said. That sum was said to include \$130,530.51 for an exterior security and communications system; \$53,644 for an interior security and communications system; \$176,000 for landscaping; \$57,582 for a block wall; \$42,612 for GSA contracts on design and construction costs; \$48,654.04 for materials and supplies; \$20,397 to replace a hazardous gas heating system and other security gazebos, guardhouses, gates and roadways.

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