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The Spending on Nixon Homes

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The Secret Service asked for all but \$13,289.19 of the nearly \$2 million spent on President Nixon's homes in California and Florida, director James J. Rowley told Congress yesterday.

Figures supplied by the General Services Administration showed that about

\$154,500 spent at San Clemente and \$101,517 at Key Biscayne, Fla., were for such items as shrubbery, gazebos, landscaping, garden supplies, fertilizer, golf carts, trimmer, "weed eater," lawn mower and a \$23.90 wheelbarrow.

A total of \$1.2 million was spent at Key Biscayne and \$702,367.20 at San Clemente.

Under questioning by the House Appropriations subcommittee, which called him and GSA administrator Arthur F. Sampson to testify, Rowley said all the items the Secret Service requested were necessary to protect the President.

Sampson said the \$13,289.19 spent by the GSA at San Clemente, without a Se-

cret Service request, included four land surveys costing \$6123.60.

Sampson said "every penny spent is well spent" in protecting the President. If Mr. Nixon or Soviet leader Leonid I. Brezhnev had been shot at San Clemente this past weekend, he said, "you would have been after us."

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