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Abplanalp Defends Estate Deal

NEW YORK — (AP) — Robert Abplanalp, who largely financed the purchase of the Western White House at San Clemente, said yesterday there was nothing unethical or dishonest in his financial dealings with President Nixon.

"If the transaction is suspect in anybody's mind," he said, "I think it should be examined by the people who are in a position to say yes or no, and we are fully prepared to document the entire thing."

Abplanalp, known as the aerosol king, spoke out for the first time since the financing of the President's San Clemente and Key Biscayne retreats became a matter of public controversy.

He also discussed U.S. government money spent on his private 125-acre island, Grand Cay in the Bahamas, where Nixon is often a guest.

Abplanalp was interviewed while cruising aboard his yacht in the Caribbean for the ABC-TV program "The Reasoner Report."

Of Grand Cay, he said "The only things the government has provided on this island are those things which are essential either to com-

munications or to security in the event that our power plants are either destroyed.

On May 25, the White House acknowledged that the President had purchased San Clemente — a house and 26 acres — for \$1.4 million, of which \$625,000 was a loan from Abplanalp.

Nixon later sold 20 of those acres back to Abplanalp for \$1.25 million.