

Nixon Estate Is Called Underassessed

SANTA ANA, Calif., Sept. 21 (UPI)—The assessment on President Nixon's Western White House in San Clemente is nearly \$1-million under what it should be, according to an Orange County supervisor.

In a formal complaint filed with the County Assessment Appeals Board, Supervisor Robert Battin said the assessed value of the seaside La Casa Pacifica should be \$2.32-million instead of the present assessment of \$1.37-million. The Santa Ana Register reported yesterday.

The complaint alleged that

the President had received a \$55,000 tax break during the last three years.

Mr. Battin, a former accountant, said "I think the President should be treated fairly and he should pay his fair share—no more, no less."

The supervisor's figures were based on the \$1.5-million purchase price, \$703,000 in improvements paid for by the General Services Administration and \$123,000 in other improvements made by the President.

County Assessor Jack Valler-ga contended that the \$1.37-million assessment was correct because the Western White House value had been lowered

by the state coastline initiative passed last November.

Development along California's coast is prohibited by the measure unless it is specifically exempted by regional and state boards that are drawing up a master plan.