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# Secret Report On Nixon Estates

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**I**N A SIZZLING, secret report which Republicans are fighting to suppress, House investigators have charged that President Nixon has spent \$17 million in public funds on his private estates.

The report lashes the responsible government agencies for their cavalier spending and calls upon them to "seek restitution" of the "unauthorized expenditures."

"(They) have abused the discretion given them," charges the report. "They have permitted public funds to be used to procure nonsecurity items. They have permitted non-government personnel to commit federal government funds. They have abandoned fiscal responsibility . . ."

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**T**HE SECRET SERVICE is singled out for allowing Mr. Nixon to improve his private property in the name of security. This "has tarnished the image of a once highly respected organization," declares the report.

The cost of providing protection on private presidential property has soared, states the report, "from practically nothing during the Roosevelt-Truman era to more than \$17 million during the first five years of the Nixon administration. This is more than the combined salaries of all United States Presidents."

Mr. Nixon is lectured for "imposing burdens on the taxpayers of the nation. Maintaining private residences for use a few days each year imposes a heavy burden on the public treasury . . ."

"Funds needed to provide presidential

security should be, have been and are really available. However, every dollar that is diverted into nonsecurity expenditures under this program is a dollar that is not then available to provide needed additional security."

A House subcommittee, headed by Representative Jack Brooks (Dem-Tex.) conducted an exhaustive investigation of the financing of improvements at Mr. Nixon's estates.

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**T**HE FINDINGS were approved by the Democrats but rejected by the Republicans, who have now produced their own report. We have obtained bootleg copies of both versions. The differences are quite revealing:

The Republican version completely ignores the question of paying the taxpayers back for "unauthorized expenditures" on Mr. Nixon's San Clemente and Key Biscayne property. Yet the Joint Taxation Committee, which investigated Mr. Nixon's tax returns, counted these expenditures as extra income and ruled that the President owed taxes on them.

The Republican draft doesn't mention the \$17 million—\$9.2 million at San Clemente and \$7.8 million at Key Biscayne—that the Brooks report claims the government spent on the two estates. The Republicans speak instead of \$700,000 that the President spent on his San Clemente House and brush off the rest casually as "additional expenditures of federal money."