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Secret Bowling Alley In the White House

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With an assist from their friend Charles L. (Bebe) Rebozo, the Nixons have had a bowling alley installed in the White House so they won't have to cross the street to bowl.

The one-lane alley was built secretly last January, but has only now come to light.

Helen McCain Smith, Mrs. Nixon's press secretary, initially told reporters that the Nixons paid for the alley out of their own pockets.

Later, however, Mrs. Smith said further checking

showed that the equipment and lane were donated by a private company and that Rebozo paid the bill for decorating.

She declined to say what the cost was.

There is another bowling alley in the Executive Office Building across West Executive avenue, which is part of the White House complex, but Mrs. Smith said it was decided it would be better for the family "not to have to cross the street" and to have its own private bowling place.

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