

The little luxury items Nixon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Richard Nixon has used his \$150,000 yearly federal allotment to buy luxurious electric items such as golf carts, telephone taping equipment and a subscription to the Washington Post, two syndicated columnists reported yesterday.

• Martha Angle and Robert Walters said they got their figures from the General Services Administration under the Freedom of Information Act.

They emphasized there was nothing anywhere in the figures to indicate "even a hint of scandal" in Nixon's expenditures.

Here are some of the things they found out:

• Nixon, whose disagreement with newspapers are legend, subscribes to the Los Angeles Times, The Los Angeles Herald-Examiner, the San Diego Union, the New York Times and the Washing-

ton Post — the paper that won a Pulitzer Prize for Watergate.

• Nixon remains security-conscious. He paid to have a lock changed on his safe after he returned to California — and paid \$50 last year to have a safe disassembled, cleaned and the lock reset.

• He spent \$647 in public funds last fiscal year for photo processing, printing and developing. His chief aide, John Brennan, said the former president still gets and fills "hundreds of requests each month" for photos because "when we left the White House, everything was confiscated."

• Although his White House taping system has been dismantled, Nixon — like thousands of others — has purchased a hand-held tape recorder and a \$10 suction cup to record telephone conversations.

• Nixon leases a 1976 Oldsmobile station wagon and a 1977 Olds 98 Regency four-door sedan loaded with extra equipment, including a stereo tape deck. The leases cost \$6,142 a year, and from public funds last year Nixon bought \$2,290 in gasoline and \$72 worth of car washes.

• An avid golfer, Nixon has purchased two electric golf carts that cost more than



Nixon in cart: He likes to ride

buys with tax money

\$2,000 each.

A building where the carts are stored cost \$430. Public funds were spent for the carts because they are "required for inter-building transportation for Mr. Nixon and his staff" at his retreat at Casa Pacifica in San Clemente, Calif.

Nixon gets \$150,000 yearly for staff and

office expenses, in federal transition funds provided by the Former Presidents Act.

In addition, he draws a \$66,000 yearly personal presidential pension; a \$35,000-a-year pension from his other government service; and postage allotments that amounted to \$14,700 during the three post-White House years.