

Nixon's Special Fund Killed

Washington

The House Appropriations Committee yesterday wiped out a \$1.5 million "special projects" fund traditionally given to Presidents over the years because the White House refused to state whether any of the money went to the Watergate burglars.

The action came on a White House budget that was part of a \$4.8 billion appropriations bill for the Treasury Department, the U.S. Postal Service and several executive branch agencies.

The special projects fund for the White House has been voted routinely for about 15 years. But the committee noted in a brief statement accompanying the bill that "certain questions have arisen concerning the pro-

priety of some of the expenditures from this account."

"The committee, during the hearings, requested the Office of Management and Budget to provide a listing of the individual vouchers and expenditures from the funds provided under this account" the report said.

"The administration, however, declined to provide such detailed information," the report added.

Frederic V. Malek, deputy director of the budget office, told an appropriations subcommittee hearing May 31 that the fund, which annually is set at \$1.5 million, "is used by the President for staff assistance on special projects which arise from time to time but are outside the area of responsibility of an existing agency."

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