

Nixon's \$10.50 Laugh

Washington

Along with his salary from the White House, President Nixon is listed in his 1969 federal income tax return as having been paid \$10.50 by "G. Schlatter, Beverly Hills, Calif."

A telephone call to Schlatter yesterday elicited the information that until last year he was the producer of the television show "Laugh-In."

When told he had been listed in the President's tax returns as having been one of Mr. Nixon's employers, Schlatter was incredulous.

"You're putting me on," he said.

When Schlatter was told the returns show he paid Mr. Nixon \$10.50, Schlatter began laughing uncontrollably.

Schlatter eventually theorized that the payment might have been for Mr. Nixon's appearance on "Laugh-In." Mr. Nixon's role, Schlatter said, was to say, "Sock it to me?"

Mr. Nixon's cameo appearance came in 1968, before he became President, and the show was run again in 1969. He said the payment was probably a residual

payment for the re-run.

Schlatter said the correct payment for such a rerun under union contract was \$105.

Schlatter denied he paid Mr. Nixon only \$10.50. "I have never paid less than scale," he said.

Asked about the claimed discrepancy, a representative of the President said the \$10.50 figure had been listed on the W-2 form submitted by Schlatter.

"I'm not going to testify," Schlatter said "I'm going to the Bahamas."

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