

Nixon's Tax Assessment Unchanged

Santa Ana

The Orange county Tax Assessment Appeals board voted 2 to 1 yesterday against raising the assessment of President Nixon's estate in San Clemente.

The action followed several days of hearings.

Supervisor Robert Battin had instigated the action, claiming the Nixon seaside property is worth \$2.95 million.

County Assessor Jack Valerga valued the estate at \$1.37 million.

Battin said after yesterday's vote that he would appeal the decision. He says the county assessment ignores \$900,000 in improvements made since Mr. Nixon acquired the estate.

Among those testifying at the hearings was Howard Childs, a consultant who appraised the Nixon home for the state Board of Equalization. Childs said the property is worth \$1.5 million.

Mr. Nixon paid \$15 million for the home.

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