

# Nixon Reply--He Didn't Ask for Work on Homes

Washington

The White House refused yesterday to say whether President Nixon would reimburse the government for federally financed work at his California and Florida homes that U.S. auditors say he should have paid for personally.

But Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren hinted at a White House briefing that Mr. Nixon would not make any reimbursement. And he repeated previous statements that "none of these items were ordered at the President's direction or knowledge."

Several hours later, Warren's office issued a statement saying the General Accounting Office report bears out "that none of these items were requested by the President or any member of his family."

"... the GAO report has no question whatsoever about 97 per cent of the \$1.4 million which was spent after authorization by the Secret Service for the two properties," the White House

"The total value of items even questioned in the report on the property at San Clemente which were requested by the Secret Ser-

vice and which were provided by the General Services Administration was approximately \$40,000," it added.

The GAO, in a report to Congress released Tuesday, concluded that some of the work at Nixon's San Clemente and Key Biscayne homes was not necessary for security reasons. It specifically criticized federal spending for landscape maintenance, installation of a new furnace, installation of new sewer lines and a boundary and structural survey of the President's property.

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