

GSA Chief Denies Cost Report

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The head of the General Services Administration said yesterday that a Texas congressman was trying to "purposefully mislead the public" with a report that the government spent \$17 million to fix up President Nixon's homes.

Arthur F. Sampson, administrator of the GSA, called the report of a House Government Operations subcommittee headed by Rep. Jack Brooks (D-Tex.) "a partisan grandstand play."

A brief synopsis of the re-

port was released Thursday and attacked Friday by the White House and Rep. John Buchanan (R-Ala.), a member of the subcommittee.

The \$17 million figure used in the subcommittee report, approved by a party-line 6-to-4 vote, appeared to conflict with a \$10.2 million figure cited by the subcommittee last October. Sampson said the new total was reached by adding an estimate of personnel costs that GSA had given the subcommittee in October.

Sampson said the subcom-

mittee report "obviously is aimed at having the public believe that the expenditures have been made to improve the President's homes.

"Only about \$205,000 has been spent for installations in the homes, and that for security devices such as bullet-proof glass, smoke detectors, etc."

Buchanan said the subcommittee had "not one scintilla of evidence" GSA has "conspired to misues public funds."