

Cost of Nixon Homes Put at \$17.1 Million

Washington

The final draft of a proposed House report concludes President Nixon's homes have cost \$17.1 million in federal funds and says agencies should try to recover any "improper expenditures."

The report, to be considered by the House Government Operations Committee next Tuesday, says the total includes \$7.6 million in personnel costs, \$5.6 million for communications, \$2.2 million for administrative support and \$1.7 million for protection.

It still includes the finding previously disclosed, that some of the spending was for items "far in excess of what was required to meet

security requests" and that some were paid by the government after they had already been procured by Nixon aides.

The draft report recommends tightening controls over spending for protection of presidents under the charge of the Secret Service.

It also recommends that "appropriate government agencies should seek restitution or take other appropriate action with respect to any improper expenditures of federal funds."

Copies of the final draft were sent to committee members yesterday.

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