

Nixon to Sell

His Houses

In Florida

Miami

The two houses owned by former President Nixon in the five-house Key Biscayne presidential compound are expected to be put on sale within the next few days, according to several local real estate dealers.

In addition to the Nixon houses, which were purchased by the former President in 1967, two others belong to his friends, Charles G. Rebozo and Robert H. Abplanalp, and the fifth is owned by Ed Campbell, a wealthy Miami businessman.

No reasons were given for Mr. Nixon's decision to sell the property.

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(But in an interview in the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin, multimillionaire Abplanalp said he advised the former President to sell the property to cut back on his mounting expenses.

"For the first time in years, Mr. Nixon has become conscious of what it

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costs to live. And it's been our idea to help him make up a budget he could live with," Abplanalp said in the copyrighted story.

(Abplanalp, developer of the aerosol valve, said Mr. Nixon "has to sell the Key Biscayne properties to stay within his means."

(Abplanalp said he and Rebozo advised Mr. Nixon to dispose of the property to a proposed nonprofit foundation to be headed by Abplanalp and Rebozo.

(Abplanalp said Mr. Nixon realizes the action has to be taken and that "he has approached it all with a practical mind. We're not talking about a welfare case; we're simply talking about shrinking his holdings, making it easier for him to make both ends meet."

(The discussions between Mr. Nixon and his two friends took place November 26 at Casa Pacifica, the former President's San Clemente estate.)

Jerry Clarke, a leading Key Biscayne real estate man, is selling the fifth house, where Secret Service personnel used to live. It is the largest in the compound, with four bedrooms and four baths, and the asking price is \$400,000, Clarke said.

"When the Nixons decide to put their houses for sale they will have no problems at all in disposing of them," Clarke said.

He added that he already had an open offer from the president of one of the country's largest corporations to buy the Nixon houses, "and the price is of no consequence."

Clarke estimated that the two Nixon houses might bring \$750,000 to \$1 million. Mr. Nixon bought them for about \$250,000, and considerable improvements have been made on them at government expense.

There have been reports here for several weeks that the Nixon houses are going to be sold soon. It has also become known that Secret Service protection of the compound will cease by January 1.

Apparently taking into account the end of the protective service, Mr. Nixon, Rebozo and Abplanalp last week asked the Dade County Commission that the street on which they have their homes be made a private road.

The petition was generally regarded here as a means of increasing the price of the property.

Ray Goode, the county manager, has recommended that the request be granted and a public hearing has been set for December 18.

Clarke, who has handled most of the real estate work connected with the compound in the past, and who knows the Nixons, said that Mr. Nixon used to stay frequently at the Key Biscayne Hotel, before he became President.

"Mrs. Nixon has never really liked Key Biscayne," Clarke said, "and thus there is no reason for the family to have two homes."

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