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No One Wants Nixon's Helipad

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The General Services Administration says it may have to demolish former President Nixon's \$418,000 helicopter landing pad because no one seems to want it.

The Florida helipad cost 27 times as much as a similar one built for Mr. Nixon at San Clemente, because the one here had to be constructed on pilings over Biscayne Bay.

The GSA said it had tried to interest a Miami hospital and other federal agencies in the helipad, but found no takers.

By contrast, the GSA succeeded in selling to a Miami parking lot the tiny guardhouse which

once stood at the entrance to the Nixon compound.

Dade (Miami) county had considered purchasing the helipad for use by police and rescue helicopters, but decided access was too limited to the plush residential area where the pad is situated.

"We may have to demolish it if we find it's a hazard to navigation or a nuisance to the neighborhood," said Quincy Culpepper of the GSA's Atlanta regional office. "We'll check its condition, draw up some specifications and see if it's worth putting up for bid."

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