Renting Out the Florida White House?

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)—Winter visitors soon may be able to rent the island home Richard Nixon used as his Florida White House.

Nixon's former Key Biscayne residence was sold in July to Dr. Sherwood Appleton, a Toronto psychiatrist, for \$390,000. Appleton is a friend and business associate of Maritza Hibbard, who lives next door in industrialist Robert Abplanalp's former home, which she purchased in March.

The two homes were in the old Nixon compound, and the new owners say the homes soon may be available for seasonal rental.

Hibbard, a native of Mexico, says she is planning to redecorate both houses, and Nixon's in particular will need some work. For example, she says she isn't quite sure what to do with the turquoise-painted wood beams in the living room ceiling.

There also are a few relics of the old days: A push-button phone in the kitchen with a line marked "S.S."; a paneled room that has an exceptional number of electrical and phone outlets; and, of course, the square, helipad in the backyard.

Otherwise, she says, "They have taken absolutely everything. Everything belongs to the government."