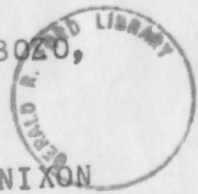


The original documents are located in Box 46, folder “White House - Bowling Alley” of the Sheila Weidenfeld Files at the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

Copyright Notice

The copyright law of the United States (Title 17, United States Code) governs the making of photocopies or other reproductions of copyrighted material. Gerald Ford donated to the United States of America his copyrights in all of his unpublished writings in National Archives collections. Works prepared by U.S. Government employees as part of their official duties are in the public domain. The copyrights to materials written by other individuals or organizations are presumed to remain with them. If you think any of the information displayed in the PDF is subject to a valid copyright claim, please contact the Gerald R. Ford Presidential Library.

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- THE WHITE HOUSE BOWLING ALLEY USED BY FORMER PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON WAS PAID FOR BY HIS FRIENDS CHARLES REBOZO, ROBERT ABPLANALP AND WALTER ANNENBERG, SOURCES SAID YESTERDAY.



THE LANE, BUILT IN MARCH, 1973, WAS USED FREQUENTLY BY THE NIXON FAMILY AND COST \$40,698.95. IT WAS BUILT BENEATH THE NORTH PORTICO OF THE WHITE HOUSE.

THE SOURCES SAID THE TAB WAS PICKED UP BY REBOZO, NIXON'S KEY BISCAYNE, FLA., NEIGHBOR; ABPLANALP, PRESIDENT OF PRECISION VALVE OF BRONXVILLE, N.Y.; AND ANNENBERG, THEN U.S. AMBASSADOR TO GREAT BRITAIN. REPORTS TWO YEARS AGO HAD IDENTIFIED ONLY REBOZO AS THE DONOR.

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 14, 1973

TO: HELEN SMITH
FROM: PENNY ADAMS
SUBJECT: The White House Bowling Alleys and Gifts to the Nixon Family from the Shah of Iran

White House Bowling Alleys

According to Rex Scouten, the bowling alley in the Executive Office Building was built during the Eisenhower Administration. Before that there had been one in the West Basement during the Truman Administration. This alley is paid for by the rent from the White House Bowling League.

The bowling alley under the North Portico has been donated by three anonymous contributors. The amount these donors will reimburse the government for is ~~\$40,698.95~~. This is the amount it cost to prepare the area under the North Portico, such as removal of equipment to other areas, and finishing off the area, such as with carpeting and lighting fixtures. In addition, the AMF donated the bowling lanes, the bowling equipment, ceiling and drapes. The President pays a rent to AMF of ~~\$~~ yearly. There is no cost to the government in the final analysis. In fact, The White House and its future residents have been given the bowling alley from four very generous sources. *No expense to government.*

Nixon Gifts from the Shah of Iran

Marge Wicklién will be sending over a complete list of gifts received by members of the Nixon family from both of his state visits. She does say, however, that she has no record of an emerald necklace.

