THE IMPERIOUS EX-PRESIDENCY

When Richard Nixon

was President of the U.S. he appointed Gerald Ford Vice President; Roy Ash, director of Management and the Budget; and Arthur Sampson, administrator of the General Services Administration.

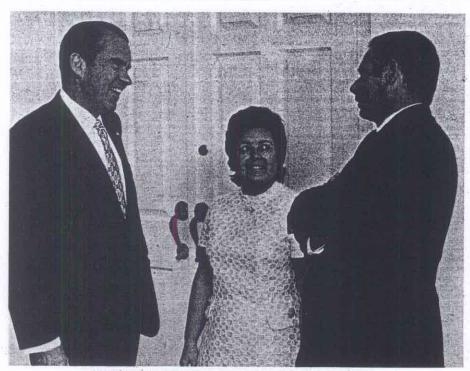
When Richard Nixon resigned, the three aforementioned appointees joined forces to provide their ex-boss with a "sweetheart retirement" at the expense of the long-suffering American taxpayer.

President Ford granted
"a full, free, and absolute pardon unto Richard
Nixon for all offenses
against the United States
which he, Richard Nixon,
has committed or may have
committed or taken part in
during the period from
January 20, 1969 through
August 9, 1974."

He also requested Congress to vote Mr. Nixon \$850,000 in transition expenses and agreed along with Mr. Ash and Mr. Sampson to see that Mr. Nixon got what he wanted.

What Mr. Nixon wanted was plenty: over and above the \$850,000 some 22 persons detailed to San Clemente at an annual cost of \$420,000, control of his tapes and \$110,000 for a vault to keep them in, eight permanent maintenance men to look after his San Clemente residence at a cost of \$91,387, and four other GSA employees to care for Mr. Nixon's Key Biscayne residence at an annual cost of \$53,566.

Lilburn E. Boggs, deputy director of the Secret Service, has also testified that it will cost his agency about \$622,000 an-



NIXON WITH VALET AND MAID MANOLO AND FINA SANCHEZ

nually to protect Mr. Nixon at San Clemente and another \$424,000 at Key Biscayne.

Under the Former Presidents' Act and the Transition Act, Mr. Nixon is entitled to a good life—he will receive in government pensions for life a sum not less than \$80,000 a year and for office and staff maintenance no less than \$96,000

a year—which isn't bad at all to say nothing of the Secret Service protection.

Why Ford, Ash and Sampson had to provide him with carte blanche—a valet, a maid, a speech-writer, three chauffeurs, and much more, to the point where a large segment of the public was outraged, only they can tell.

Sen. Joseph Montoya (D., N. Mex.) and Rep. Tom
Steed (D., Okla.) along
with fellow legislators
were similarly outraged by
the extravagance. In committee they directed that
Richard Nixon's valet and
maid be removed from the
federal payroll and that

the \$850,000 in funds requested for the former President's transition to private life be cut to \$328,000, a sum the House reduced to \$200,000.

Senator Montoya also pointed out that under existing law there is no limit to the number of federal employees who may be assigned to an ex-President for up to six months after he leaves office.

Here, for example, is the Nixon roster of federal personnel at San Clemente. In addition to their salaries, the first 11 persons listed are each entitled to living expenses of up to \$40 a day.

	Name	Title	Salary
1	. Ronald Ziegler		\$42,500
	2. Raymond Price Jr.	Speechwriter	40,000
	Rose Mary Woods	Personal Secretary	36,000
	Franklin Gannon	Special Assistant	35,300
	Stephen B. Bull	Special Assistant	34,000
	Michael Sterlacci	Staff Assistant	28,263
	. Kenneth Khachigan	Special Assistant	27,500
	B. Marjorie P. Acker	Staff Assistant	23,000
	3. Dianne Sawyer	Assistant Press Secretary	
	D. Evie Brauntley	Secretary	15,700
	L. Jeanne Quinlin	Secretary	13,993
	2. Anne Grier	Secretary	12,979
	3. Nora Vandersommen	Secretary	12,573
	4. Jo Ellen Walker	Secretary	9,969
	5. Lt. Col. Jack Brennan	Military Aide	25,000
	6. Robert Bunn	Medical Corpsman	12,000
	7. Sgt. Edmond Chevalier	Driver)	1
	8. Sgt. Gilbert Gipson	Driver	33,600
	9. Cpl. Robert Wagon	Driver	
	O. Manolo Sanchez	Valet	12,000
	l. Fina Sanchez	Maid	8,000
	2. Jo Anne Miller	Secretary	11,000
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