

U.S. LISTS \$367,000
IN NIXON EXPENSES

3 Months' Costs Exceeded
Amount Congress Set for
6-Month Transition

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—The White House said today that the Government spent \$367,000 to support former President Richard M. Nixon in the first three months after he resigned last Aug. 9.

Although the amount was well above the \$200,000 appropriated by Congress for a six-month transition period ending Feb. 9, Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, said that much of the money had been spent on activities not covered by the transition legislation, which did not become law until Dec. 27.

The largest part of the money, for example, was \$154,000 in salaries and living expenses for staff members temporarily assigned to Mr. Nixon at San Clemente, Calif., but paid by Federal agencies. Another part, \$83,000, was the estimated cost rental value for Government-owned space to store Nixon records and gifts in Washington.

Disclosure by Ash

Mr. Nessen said the number of Government employees assigned to Mr. Nixon until Feb. 9 had been reduced to 14.

The spending figures for Aug. 9 to Nov. 9, which were disclosed to reporters by Mr. Nessen in response to questions, were submitted Nov. 18 by Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget, to Representative Jack Brooks, Democrat of Texas. Mr. Brooks is chairman of a House Government Operations Sub-

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committee that had investigated Federal spending at Mr. Nixon's homes at San Clemente and Key Biscayne, Fla.

In addition to the \$367,000, Mr. Ash's letter also reported that \$126,000 had been spent for protection at the former President's homes, not counting direct expenses of the Secret Service, which were not disclosed.

Among the expenses listed by Mr. Ash were \$9,172 for sta-

tionery, supplies and wire service and magazine subscriptions for the former President's office, and \$8,440 for the portion of Mr. Nixon's flight on the Presidential jet to California after noon on Aug. 9, when President Ford was sworn in and Mr. Nixon became a private citizen as the plane was near Jefferson City, Mo.

Another item was \$3,147 for packing and moving the Nixon family's personal belongings from the White House to Andrews Air Force Base, where they were put on scheduled military flights to California. Mr. Nessen said the actual cost had been about \$300 to rent vans to move the belongings.

Among other costs were \$52,160 spent by the General Services Administration to maintain Federal facilities at San Clemente and \$23,540 for similar facilities at Key Biscayne, which were closed Dec. 31.

Also listed was \$20,000 for three Air Force courier flights from Washington to San Clemente to provide foreign policy briefings for Mr. Nixon. Such briefings for former Presidents have long been the practice.

Mr. Ash's letter said the flights had been deferred as of Nov. 18, and Mr. Nessen said that subsequent briefings to Mr. Nixon had been made by "secure communications" to the Coast Guard station near San Clemente.

Mr. Nessen said that Nixon belongings, stored in the Executive Office Building next to the White House included collections of cartoons, pictures, model elephants and gavels and

gowns belonging to the former President's wife and daughters.

He said that Rose Mary Woods, Mr. Nixon's secretary, had office space in the building.

Mr. Nessen said the former President could pick up the objects acquired before he took office in 1969 and after he resigned Aug. 9. But he said that the recent law giving the Government custody of Nixon tapes and documents was unclear on some points, that the General Services Administration was making an inventory of the material and that there would be further discussions with Mr. Nixon's lawyers on the disposition of items acquired while Mr. Nixon was in office.