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Nixon's legal expenses in connection with Watergate have cost taxpayers, as of this date, \$382,474, according to GAO estimates. "Last December, in an emergency appropriation bill, Congress gave the White House an extra \$1.5 million to provide Mr. Nixon with additional legal support for his Watergate defense. However, as of March 24, a considerable portion of the President's legal expenses was being paid by other departments and agencies of the government, which detailed lawyers and staff people to the White House but continued paying their salaries."

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