

NIXON WENT HOME TO SMALLER STAFF

Federal Report Shows Total Is Down to 17 From 25

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 18 — Former President Richard M. Nixon went home last week to a somewhat smaller staff than he had when he entered the hospital three weeks earlier.

A White House report just submitted to a Senate subcommittee shows that the federally paid staff assigned to Mr. Nixon in San Clemente now totals 17, down from the 25 earlier detailed to him.

This figure, however, does not include the undisclosed number of Secret Service agents assigned to him for protective purposes, nor 17 communications experts and Coast Guardsmen offering allied protective services.

The report on Nixon staffing was submitted by the White House to Senator Joseph M. Montoya, Democrat of New Mexico, chairman of a Senate appropriations subcommittee that handled legislation dealing with funding for the former President.

President Ford had requested \$850,000 for Mr. Nixon's office and staff expenses and pension for the period ending next June 30. But both the House and the full Senate Appropriations Committee trimmed this to just \$200,000.

Senate action on the Nixon appropriation—part of a more than \$8-billion supplemental appropriations bill for education and housing—is expected in the closing weeks of this expiring Congress.

Current Payments

Mr. Nixon's staff and other expenses are being paid currently through existing appro-

priations of various Government departments, including the White House itself. This is authorized under the Presidential Transition Act of 1963.

Under that act, such services can be paid for six months after a President leaves office. This six-month period will end Feb. 9.

The Transition Act places no limitation on the amount of staff or other services given a former President for that limited period. However, the Senate appropriations Committee has stipulated, as part of the Nixon funding bill now pending in the Senate, that no more than \$220,000 could be spent before Feb. 9 to pay salaries of employees detailed to Mr. Nixon for other than protective services.

The \$200,000 Nixon appropriation pending in the Senate would be to cover authorizations under another law, the Former President's Act of 1958. This act is intended to provide a former President with long-term staff, pension and other expenses.

The Congressional action of trimming the \$850,000 sought for Mr. Nixon by President Ford came after the Office of Management and Budget reported to Congress that \$415,000 was spent to support Mr. Nixon during his first six weeks out of office.

In an effort to keep within the \$220,000 salary limitation imposed by the Senate Appropriations Committee for the period ending Feb. 9, several high-paid employees have been removed from the Nixon transition staff.

These include Stephen B. Bull, whose annual salary was \$34,000; Michael Sterlacci, \$28,263; and Kenneth L. Khachigan, \$27,500. In addition, several secretaries paid more modest salaries are no longer detailed to Mr. Nixon.

Of the 17 not detailed to Mr. Nixon, six are on the White House payroll at the following salaries:

Ronald L. Ziegler, his press secretary, \$42,500; Rose Mary

Woods, his personal secretary, \$36,000; Franklin Gannon, \$35,300; Dianne Sawyer, \$21,000; Marjorie P. Acker, \$23,000; and Nora Vandersommen, \$14,457.

Ten others, all paid for by the Defense Department, include a Marine military aide, a Navy aide, a hospital corpsman, a secretary, three drivers, a Navy steward, and two communications men.

One other, a secretary, is detailed to Mr. Nixon from the General Services Administration.