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White House Bar On G.A.O. Inquiry Charged by Aspin

WASHINGTON, Nov. 19 (AP)—The White House has hired at least 60 unauthorized staff members and refuses to allow the General Accounting Office to investigate its payroll records, Representative Les Aspin charged today.

The Wisconsin Democrat said it was "blatantly illegal" for the White House to spurn efforts by the G.A.O., the Congressional watchdog agency, to inspect payroll records.

In a statement, Mr. Aspin said that he had learned that the White House had put to work at least 60 more staffers than the 540 approved by Congress as a personnel ceiling.

He said that last August he and some colleagues in the House had asked the agency to review the White House payroll records.

Twice, on Nov. 1 and Nov. 3, Elmer B. Staats, the Controller General, who is head of the accounting agency, wrote H. R. Haldeman, a Presidential aide, of the agency's intention to inspect White House payroll records, Mr. Aspin said.

But, he continued, a "high White House official" informed an agency investigator that the records would not be made available until Mr. Haldeman replied to Mr. Staats and said that would not be done until after the Presidential election.

"Haldeman has still not responded," Mr. Aspin said.

Last week Ralph Nader, the consumer advocate, filed suit against Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, alleging that White House personnel collected salaries from the Federal Treasury while working for the Committee for the Re-election of the President.