

U.S. still pays staff for Agnew

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WASHINGTON — Five months after Spiro Agnew paid a \$10,000 fine for income tax evasion and resigned as vice president, the Nixon administration is still paying \$7222 a month in salaries to provide Agnew with a personal office staff.

The White House yesterday confirmed a report by Congressional Quarterly that the former vice president has been receiving free office space in two government-owned townhouses on Lafayette Square across from the White House.

At Key Biscayne, where

President Nixon in spending the weekend, Deputy Press Secretary Gerald L. Warren said that Agnew "is working on his papers and needs staff during the transition." Warren said he did not know how long the transition would continue.

Efforts to reach Agnew were unsuccessful.

Congressional Quarterly, an independent research organization that reports on government affairs, said the general accounting office has studied Agnew's staff and office space and was expected to issue soon a critical report on the continued federal spending in Agnew's behalf.