

Transition May Cost \$1 Million

Washington

The government estimated yesterday it will cost more than \$1 million instead of \$850,000 to complete former President Nixon's transition to private life in six months rather than 11.

General Services Administrator Arthur Sampson said the speedup would cost an extra \$223,800, mainly for additional salaries, overtime and equipment rentals.

Sampson gave the estimate to Senator Joseph M.

Montoya (Dem.-N.M.), who questioned the legality at hearings last week of taking more than the six months prescribed in the Presidential Transition Act of 1963. A longer time period had been requested by the Ford administration.

Chairman of both House and Senate appropriations subcommittees holding hearings on the request last week indicated they intend to reduce the \$850,000 request.

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