

Notes on People

U. S. Agency Rehires Santarelli

A Federal crime-fighting agency, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, has quietly rehired its former chief, Donald Santarelli, who resigned earlier this year after criticizing President Nixon's handling of the Watergate scandal.

Federal officials said in Washington yesterday that Mr. Santarelli had been authorized to work from Aug. 29 to Nov. 28 as a "special Government employe" at \$135 a day, but his duties remained something of a mystery.

Mr. Santarelli told an Associated Press interviewer that he was working "as a general consultant" on "projects that were begun under my regime," but declined to say just what he was doing.

Mr. Santarelli left his \$40,000-a-year post as head of the agency on June 1. Mr. Nixon accepted the resignation but asked him to stay in office until he was replaced, which happened Sept. 5, when Richard W. Velde was sworn in. As of yesterday, however, Mr. Santarelli was still working in his old office.