

Federal Employees

A Move to Limit Nixon's

Staff

Washington

The chairman of a Senate Appropriations Subcommittee promised yesterday to press for legislation that would limit Richard M. Nixon's use of government employees as members of his staff.

Government employees receiving salaries at a total annual rate of far more than \$1 million are now working full time for Mr. Nixon.

Senator Joseph M. Montoya (Dem-N.Y.), chairman of the Subcommittee on General Government, said his panel would "consider this spigot and see if we can close it."

In addition, Montoya said his subcommittee would recommend substantially less than the \$850,000 requested by the former President to pay for his transition to private life.

The government employees now working for Mr. Nixon include the following:

- An administrative staff of 15 persons, including Ronald Ziegler, Mr. Nixon's former press secretary, and Rose Mary Woods, his personal secretary. The administrative staff is paid at an annual rate of \$363,777.
- A military aide earning \$25,000 a year.
- A medical corpsman paid \$12,000 a year.
- Three military chauffeurs whose salaries total \$33,600.
- Nixon's butler and maid, Manolo Sanchez and his wife, Fina, who are paid a total of \$20,000 by the National Park Service.
- A seven-person maintenance crew at San Clemente, earning \$80,358 a year.
- A four-member maintenance crew at Key Biscayne, Fla.; the building manager receives a salary of \$19,246 a year, while two mechanics and a gardener are paid hourly rates of from \$4.88 to \$6.77.
- A Secret Service detail at San Clemente budgeted at \$612,000 a year.
- A Secret Service detail at Key Biscayne, budgeted at an annual rate of \$430,000 until the end of December,

when it will be disbanded.

Ziegler and the other administrative staff members who are not considered permanent residents of San Clemente are entitled to \$40 a day for expenses in addition to their salaries, according to Roy L. Ash, director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Ash and Arthur F. Sampson, administrator of the General Services Administration, contended yesterday before Montoya's sub-

committee that the government needs to pick up the tab for these salaries to assist in the transition between Presidents.

How, asked Montoya, are a maid and a butler aiding in the transition?

They are "assisting the Nixons in their personal affairs," Sampson responded.

Did Sampson think that was a proper expense for the government to pick up?

"If, indeed, these people are being used to sort records or set up an office, I think it's proper," Sampson replied. "If they are not being used that way, I think it's improper."

Montoya then asked the

same questions of Ash.

"To the extent that our assistants free us to work on other things, it assists us in transition," Ash declared.

"Do you think shining the President's shoes and pressing his pants assists in transition?" Montoya asked.

"I don't know what he (the butler) does or doesn't do," Ash said.

Montoya said that he had checked and had found out that Lyndon B. Johnson had taken his butler and maid with him when he left the presidency but that he had paid them out of his own pocket.

Montoya and Senator Mark O. Hatfield (Rep-Ore.) became increasingly annoyed at the responses from Ash and Sampson. At one point, Hatfield threw up

his hands and declared, "I think we're getting a bureaucratic fast shuffle."

The administration officials acknowledged that the staff salaries were only a part of the government expenditures on the Nixons. They have use of government cars, for example, and there is \$218,000 worth of government-owned office furniture and equipment at San Clemente.

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