

# Montoya Says Rate Of U.S. Aid to Nixon Is \$2-Million a Year

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WASHINGTON, Oct. 8—The Federal Government is now spending at the rate of almost \$2-million a year on personnel and support services for former President Richard M. Nixon, according to Senator Joseph M. Montoya, Democrat of New Mexico.

Mr. Montoya said that the new spending figures released today had been provided by the White House at his request. They do not include a special "transitional allowance for Mr. Nixon pending before the Senate.

Congress is expected to set that allowance at \$200,000—less than a quarter of the \$850,000 that President Ford has requested for his predecessor.

Mr. Montoya, chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee, which has been scrutinizing Federal outlays for the former President, said that information supplied by the White House showed the following:

¶Sixty-four Government employees, both military and civilian, were assigned to Mr. Nixon's San Clemente, Calif., complex at annual salaries totaling about \$841,800.

¶Secret Service protection at San Clemente was costing \$622,000 a year.

¶Secret Service and other Government personnel at Mr. Nixon's home at Key Biscayne, Fla., were costing more than \$500,000 a year.

Asked whether the new figures constituted a complete list of current Federal expenditures relating to Mr. Nixon, a Montoya aide sighed and replied, "We hope so. But we keep finding more and more bodies popping upon the payroll."

Mr. Montoya said that the General Services Administration had emphasized that many persons stationed at San Clemente were there "primarily to serve government interests" rather than to assist the former President.

The Senator said that 18 persons were at San Clemente working directly on Mr. Nixon's transition to private life. Their salaries total some \$375,000 a year, he said.

The costs described by Mr. Montoya do not include general operating expenses apart from salaries or the costs of special jet flights from Washington to San Clemente for transporting national-security briefing papers to Mr. Nixon.