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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

[11/1974]

*File
in Clemente*

Honorable Jack Brooks
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Brooks:

This refers to your October 11, 1974, letter to the President concerning public expenditures in connection with former President Nixon's transition from public to private life. I am sure you can appreciate that the suddenness of this unprecedented transition has resulted in many of the requirements for the transition period remaining highly uncertain.

The following information indicates the estimated costs incurred by Federal agencies for the 90-day period between August 9, 1974, and November 9, 1974. In addition to the categories outlined in your letter, we have added another classification for communications expenses. Where possible, we have indicated present plans concerning continuation or termination of these activities.

Costs Between 8/9/74 and
11/9/74 (in thousands)

A. Personnel details (all nonreimbursable) \$154

These costs cover the personnel compensation and benefits and per diem for 29 details made to former President Nixon. Of the total amount, salary costs are \$107,000.

The number of personnel detailed for Presidential transition has now been reduced to 17 details all of which will be terminated no later than February 9, 1975.



Costs Between 8/9/74 and
11/9/74 (in thousands)

B. Office facilities, supplies and equipment \$14

This amount includes \$9,172 for stationery, supplies, wire service and magazine subscriptions, and miscellaneous transition expenses; \$3,725 estimated value of Government office space used by the former President's personal secretary; and \$605 for lease of a room at Long Beach Memorial Hospital for press and staff.

Operating costs for facilities at Key Biscayne and San Clemente are included under categories G and H for Presidential protection and for maintenance services for real property. No equipment was purchased subsequent to August 9.

C. Travel and moving \$16

Includes \$8,440 for a portion of former President Nixon's flight to California on August 9 (after 12:00 noon); \$2,419 for commercial transportation for personnel details; an estimated \$2,000 for gasoline of DOD vehicle transportation at San Clemente; \$3,147 for packing and movement to Andrews Air Force base of personal Nixon belongings. Cost for air transport of these items to California is not included since they were loaded on flights already scheduled for movement to the west coast. Movement from El Toro Marine base to San Clemente was provided by military drivers detailed to the former President (Category A).

Costs Between 8/9/74 and
11/9/74 (in thousands)

D. Medical services and facilities

- 0 -

Former President Nixon has not used any military or other Government medical facilities since August 9. The costs for the one medical corpsman detailed to the former President are included in Category A. The room obtained by GSA for staff and press during Nixon's first hospitalization is included in Category B. No Government costs were incurred for the second hospitalization.

E. Legal assistance

- 0 -

No expenses have been incurred for legal assistance to former President Nixon.

F. Recreational facilities

- 0 -

Other than a few visits to a beach on Camp Pendleton, there has been no use of military recreation or other Government recreation facilities by former President Nixon or his family.

G.

[REDACTED]

Costs Between 8/9/74 and
11/9/74 (in thousands)



H. Maintenance Service for real
property ,

\$76

This covers GSA costs of \$52,160 for maintaining and operating Federal facilities at San Clemente (excluding depreciation) and \$23,540 for Federal facilities at Key Biscayne exclusive of expenses paid by the Secret Service (see Category G). GSA plans to terminate Key Biscayne activities by December 31.

I. Storage costs

\$83

This amount includes the estimated 90-day rental value of Government-owned space used to store Presidential records and gifts in the Executive Office Building, National Archives Building, and the Suitland Federal Records Center. It involves principally personnel costs for screening and crating of materials.

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11/9/74 (in thousands)

Future costs under this category will depend on resolution of pending court orders and determinations made concerning compliance with the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966.

J. Courier Flights

\$20

Covers three Air Force courier flights from Washington, D.C., to San Clemente.

As of this date all further flights have been deferred.

K. Communications

\$4-

This amount covers personnel and operating costs for DOD/ White House Communications Agency operations at Key Biscayne and San Clemente as well as costs for commercial teletype services.

It does not include communications costs in support of Secret Service activities which are included under category G.

Operations and personnel (except for commercial telephone service) have been terminated at Key Biscayne.

The Department of State is presently consulting with counsel to Mr. Nixon regarding full compliance with the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act of 1966. No determination has been made to request return of the office furniture authorized to be used by former President Nixon. I understand the Administrator of the General Services Administration has written to you on July 3, 1974, and indicated that the agency sees no basis for seeking restitution or taking other similar actions concerning any expenditure of Federal funds at San Clemente or Key Biscayne.

I hope the above information will be helpful to you and the Subcommittee on Government Activities. If any further detail is required, we will be happy to supply it.

Sincerely,

Roy L. Ash
Director

cc:
Courtesy
DO Records
Director's Chron
Director
Deputy Director
Mr. Marsh (WH) ✓
Mr. Ebner
Mr. Hagerty
Mr. Scott
Mr. Bray (2)
Return, Mr. Armbrust

EGGD:EAArmbrust:lkt:11/17/74
re-written:WDS:mkd 11/18/74



To Buss
Date 12/31 Time 10:07

WHILE YOU WERE OUT

M Chris Abraham
of 540 184
Phone 386-3168 563
Area Code Number Extension

TELEPHONED		PLEASE CALL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CALLED TO SEE YOU		WILL CALL AGAIN	
WANTS TO SEE YOU		URGENT	

RETURNED YOUR CALL

Message

Operator de

Spoke w/ GSA.

1) Attachments to Rep.
Brooks letter-

Chris Abraham
Rm. 3854
GAO Bldg.
Wash., D.C.



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

GOVERNMENT ACTIVITIES SUBCOMMITTEE

OF THE

COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

October 11, 1974

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

There has been much controversy over the nature and amount of public funds that are being spent to support former President Nixon's transition to private life.

The Subcommittee on Government Activities, of which I am Chairman, has jurisdiction over expenditures by the General Services Administration and over the Presidential transition legislation. A number of inquiries on this matter, including a couple of resolutions of inquiry, have been directed to the Subcommittee. It would be appreciated by the Subcommittee if you would furnish to us the following information:

The nature and cost of each service, facility, and payment provided by or at the expense of the United States for the benefit of Mr. Nixon or any of his family since August 9, 1974, including:

- A. Personnel (both reimbursable and nonreimbursable);
- B. Office facilities, supplies, and equipment;
- C. Travel and moving;
- D. Medical services and facilities;
- E. Legal assistance;
- F. Recreational facilities;
- G. Protection;
- H. Maintenance services for real property;
- I. Storage costs of any property in government custody to which Mr. Nixon is asserting a claim of ownership;
- J. Cost of courier flights to transport correspondence and other materials to and from Mr. Nixon and family.



2 - The Honorable Gerald R. Ford

October 11, 1974

It would also be appreciated if you could indicate how long these services, facilities, or payments are expected to be continued; whether any determination has been made about returning to the United States government furniture located within Mr. Nixon's private home and gifts from foreign powers not now in the custody of the United States Government; and whether any effort is being made to recover for the public those expenditures which the House Government Operations Committee, the Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation, and the General Accounting Office found to have been improperly made for the personal benefit of Mr. Nixon on his private properties.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely, ^

Jack Brooks
Chairman



93RD CONGRESS
2^D SESSION

H. RES. 1398

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEPTEMBER 30, 1974

MS. HOLTZMAN submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Government Operations

RESOLUTION

1 *Resolved*, That the President of the United States is
2 directed to furnish the House of Representatives the following
3 information:

4 (1) The nature, source by agency within the executive
5 branch, and cost of each service, facility, and payment pro-
6 vided by, or at any expense to, the United States to, or for
7 the benefit of, Richard M. Nixon, his wife, or any of his
8 daughters or sons-in-law, from August 9, 1974, to the date
9 of the adoption of this resolution, including any—

- 10 (A) personnel, whether part- or full-time;
11 (B) office or recreational facilities;
12 (C) travel and moving;



1 (D) medical services and facilities;

2 (E) office supplies, equipment, and other **personal**
3 **property**; and

4 (F) maintenance services for real property.

5 (2) Any decision that has been made by the White
6 House, or any agency within the executive branch, with
7 respect to continuing any such service, facility, or payment.

8 (3) Any decision that has been made by the General
9 Services Administration, or any other agency within the
10 executive branch, to bring about the return to the United
11 States of any thing of value (including any office furniture,
12 any property improvements, and any gifts from foreign
13 powers) given to or utilized by Richard M. Nixon, his wife,
14 or any of his daughters or sons-in-law, at the expense of the
15 United States, while Richard M. Nixon was President of the
16 United States.

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(B) office or recreational facilities;

(C) travel and moving;

[Jan. 1975?]

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bob Guider -

Mechanics of clearing
transient people off rolls -
normally set w/ of check
list and walk around -

Suggestion from
Ziegler re



[Jan. 1975?]

~~B. Linder~~ -

Expenses of
Allocation
\$50,100

Was there ever a commitment
to repay



Appropriation of

"Unanticipated Increased
Expense" - (Part of total
\$501,000) 50,000. transfer
to GSA - Question is
whether ever a commitment
to reimburse by 50 K
from ant. appropriated

now to transition
monies.

Wally & budget
types are folks
concerned -

Bob knows I
am committed
made on this -
Ash & Samson testified
on it -)



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Call Carl

Brennert ~~_____~~

Tomorrow (Fri.)

6156



Proposed Nixon Budget Request for 1975-1976 (with exception of Personnel salaries and benefits, request is based on amounts provided to President Johnson plus a 12 percent inflation factor):

\$ 206,599	(Johnson budget for 1971-1972) *
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<u>8859 9</u>	
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MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
December 30, 1974

*Russ,
I have
simulated
to 6096 + 88*

MEMORANDUM TO: JACK MARSH
FROM: RUSS ROURKE
SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH TEX GUNNELS
RE NIXON BUDGET

Tex advises that it would be impossible to hold budget under amount received by Lyndon Johnson. For '71 - '72, Johnson received \$206,599. This included \$60,000 pension and \$58,000 for personnel compensations.

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- a) Vast amounts of mail requiring handling.
- b) Lateness of the Act did not permit them to handle all the mail prior to our "going into the second six months".
- c) Since Johnson knew he was going out of office, he took care of many Administrative burdens prior to his departure.

Our only limitations are with regard to the \$60,000 pension and \$96,000 for personnel costs.

The only flexibility we have is with regard to such items as printing, postage, travel costs, etc.

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① Cut 500 from budget
(500 under Johnson 42
what we have?)



12/10/74

1976 Expenditures for Former President Nixon
(Allowances and Office Staff for Former Presidents)

The Former President's Act of 1958 and 1969 Supplemental Appropriation Act authorize the General Services Administration to provide former Presidents with an office staff (total compensation not to exceed \$96 thousand per year plus benefits), office space appropriately furnished and equipped, and travel expenses. These funds are not available until six months after termination from office (end of transition period).

For 1975, the Congress is only providing \$45 thousand for allowances other than pension. This represents five months funding (February 9 to June 30, 1975) for compensation and benefits for office staff (\$43 thousand) and other expenses (\$2 thousand). The full year cost of the 1975 level established by Congress would be \$108 thousand (\$104 thousand for office staff and benefits and \$4 thousand for other expenses).

For 1976, the initial GSA estimate provides \$99 thousand for additional expenses other than pension to office equipment rental, supplies, postage, communications and transportation. A revised estimate would set the additional expenses at \$92 thousand compared to initial \$99 thousand estimate. The amounts for former President Nixon are summarized below:

	<u>Initial Estimate</u>	<u>Revised Estimate</u>
Pension	60,000	60,000
Staff compensation	96,000	96,000
benefits	8,000	8,000
Subtotal	<u>164,000</u>	<u>164,000</u>
 Rental of office equipment & commercial services	 20,500	 14,500
 Office supplies	 12,000	 18,300
Postage	12,000	12,000
Communications	40,000	35,000
Transportation	14,500	12,200
Subtotal	<u>99,000</u>	<u>92,000</u>
Total	<u>263,000</u>	<u>256,000</u>

Rental of office equipment and commercial services. -- Revised estimate of \$14,500 would provide for expenses for Xerox machine (\$3,600), rental of two mag-card typewriters (\$7,080), UPI wire service (\$2,820), newspaper subscriptions (\$750), and miscellaneous expenses (\$250).



Office supplies. -- Revised estimate of \$18,300 includes \$8,000 for 50 thousand sheets and 25 thousand envelopes of staff stationery; \$6,000 for 50 thousand sheets and 50 thousand envelopes of personalized stationery for Mr. Nixon; and \$4,300 for miscellaneous office supplies such as other paper goods, pencils and pens; typewriter ribbon, etc.

Postage. -- Estimate of \$12,000 would provide for required reimbursement to the Postal Service for franking privileges available to former Presidents. Estimate would cover 120 thousand pieces of mail per year. (500 thousand letters received in first three months with no postage allowed by Congress in transition funding.)

Communications. -- Revised estimate of \$35,000 would provide \$18,000 for rental of communications equipment (four FTS lines, four commercial lines and six call directors); \$16,200 for FTS and commercial service calls assuming 1,000 and 250 calls per month respectively; and \$800 for telegraph and other expenses. Initial and revised estimates do not provide for 24 hour switchboard service which will be discontinued upon termination of present security communications arrangements.

Transportation. -- Estimates would cover motor pool expenses, per diem for staff on travel, and costs for commercial carriers. Estimates assume that military transportation will not be available for the former President and his staff. Revised estimate of \$12,200 would cover expenses such as: \$2,200 for motor pool (one sedan at 25 thousand miles per year); \$8,600 for commercial transportation (this would provide about six round trip flights of 6,000 miles each for the President and two members of his staff); and \$1,400 for 40 days per diem for staff on travel.



① Presidential papers —
storage, access thereto,
payment

② Wants pre-Presidential
papers —



Changed in Conference -
Tex Instruments -

Sec. 203

#25

- ① GSA should handle
archival material, ship
mail - and should be
no problem in using
transmission money wth which
to ship it -
- ② Pre-presidential papers should
be shipped
- "Letter of Intent"



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*① Check Tex —
for LBT last
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② want to go



Bill

① GSA people -

② Letter of content - "he has to

A) Lawson - serious problem - Rumsfeld spoke
to Pres. about it - going -"



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON



① Get Gunnell
update

② Get Casselman
report

③ Arrange Ziegler
meeting

NIXON: said you can't use
transition money

1. MAIL - 40 boxes PROBABLY OK - GETTING
READING FROM CASSELMAN RE SEC. 203 of
Supplemental Appropriations Act - QUESTION
is can they release the mail using transition
money - as long as it doesn't run afoul of
the Tapes and Papers Bill. (No "problem if moved
prior to Feb. 9, but statute must be checked out).
2. TEX Gunnels - BUDGET - going over
estimates - will be back in contact w/ JOM.
3. Communications - feel were moving in
direction of "California Bell"... setting up
dialing device utilizing existing lines.
Can take cost out of approp. of Former Presidents Act. (14-20,000)
4. EOB Office: ^{Presidential} personal papers and memorabilia
- shipment - coordinate w/ GSA.
GSA says they need ltr. of intent - then, Caselman says they can
probably pay for it themselves -
5. Rose Woods (?)
6. Former Presidents office.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Bill Gully -

Jack said

counter proposal -

no charge for line -

GSA would pay for
it out -

communications matter -

15 Jan -

GSA - does tele-
phone item -



① Advise Caselman
to release mail
(using Transition
money) as long as
it doesn't run
afoul of the Taxes
& Papers bill -

(Check Sec 203
of Supplemental
Appro. Act -
No in this or any
other act. - -



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

BILL GULLY
TOM LATIMER
JACK BRENNAN



Bill Gully

Tom Latimer - request

Jack Brennan - had request from Nixon to have him stay there, either ^{temporarily} on perm.

- their lawyers find no way they can do that ~ Pres Support Act -

9 FEB -

Can



1. Latimer advises DOD lawyers say there is no way they can justify the detailing of Brennan either permanently or temporarily to Nixon staff - that wouldn't hold water under the Presidential Support Act.
2. Unless he hears from us to the contrary Tom is going to advise Bill Gully in the negative.
3. Tom anticipates Nixon response "all I want is what I gave Johnson, no more, no less" - "different ballgame!"

① Communications - no charge to WHCA; he would have an incoming WATS line; Larry Adams; putting Nepon on it wouldn't add one penny to it.

White House staff people traveling use it; no connection in the WATS line being there; it is a # given out to certain people -



GSA: Wolff

① Mail situation: being held in
(Bill Cardman said we'll ship if you
pay) and he was trying to change it)

② Get his memorabilia, elephant collection
pictures, etc. from EOB to former
President's Office, then subsequently to
Calif. (Can they have archival people
to) While Presidential papers may be
proper, the mail & other papers should not
be.

c) all these materials - Pres
letters of intent - ^{signed}
Want pre-Presidential papers and
letters
(or) Bill Gully - or GSA -

③ Communications question: Sec. Service said
they didn't need a WHCA board, but will
still provide some type of memo service -

④ Personnel - GFEB - intends to keep
Rose Woods back here - ideal situation
is to get Rose to the former President's
Office - best thing would be to move Rose
in that job temporarily (6 months) - as a
liaison type - then find someone who would
be ultimately acceptable -



[Jan. 1975?]

Lester Kinsolving
exposed priest - J

Nesken said all that money
is not coming out of transition
funds -

WH said the govt.
has spent -

- said he did not know if
he outspent -

later wires may correct
it -

"Didn't come out quite hard
enough"



GSA

[Jan. 1975?]

Presidents at

3 USC 102 does authorize
non-reimbursable detailees
Committee recognize

(as when they put 70K limitation
thereon they recognized validity
of Transition Act -) The 70K
limitation took effect as
of the date of the Supple-
mental Apprs. Act - Dec 27, 1974

107,000

47,000

2,418



JAN 7 1975

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Russ:

Could you look this over with
Jack Marsh and let me know tomorrow
if it is okay?

Also, let's follow up on 2 questions:

1. Will he pay office expense out
of \$200,000 beginning Dec. 27?
2. Will he reimburse White House
out of \$200,000 for office expense
we provided from Aug. 9 to present?

Thanks

Lo



both 8-11-74
Act + Form 100
all made of
space

Doesn't say anything about
non-reimbursable expenses,
except it is a reimbursement
unless otherwise stated.

check
re part of

to Dec 27

NIXON MONEY

Q. When will Nixon start spending out of his \$200,000 appropriation?

A. Technically, he began spending out of the Treasury when the President signed HR 16900, the Supplemental Appropriations Act for the General Services Administration, on December 27.

• Here is the break-down:

Transition Act (now in effect)

\$100,000 from supplemental which must be expended prior to Feb. 9

Former President's Act (goes into effect Feb. 9, 1975)

\$100,000 from supplemental which must be expended from Feb. 9-July 1.

(\$55,000...pension prorated over 11 months)

(\$45,000...staff salaries, other allowances)

Budget requests now pending before OMB for new fiscal year beginning July 1, 1975

(\$60,000...pension)

(\$96,000...staff salaries)

(\$ 8,000...health benefits, etc.)

(\$99,000...other authorized expenditures)

Q. Will Nixon start paying staff salaries out of the \$200,000 appropriation when the bill was signed?

A. The White House will pay the salaries of all detailees through Feb. 9. After that date, the salaries will be paid out of the former President's appropriation.

Q. Will Nixon reimburse the White House for amounts that have been advanced so far?

A. No. The law (3USC 102) under the Transition act authorizes non-reimbursable detailees without limit.

*(was a limit of 70K
Supplemental Appropriations Act
of 1974)*



NIXON (continued)

Q. Will the White House pay for anything after Feb. 9?

A. There will be no detailees from the White House after that date and no salaries paid by the White House. The former President must pay his staff then out of his own budget. (FYI: There is a question about who will pay for sending the the mail here which is in question.)

Q. Going back to the \$200,000, you say he will have to spend the \$100,000 before Feb. 9. Does that mean he will have to spend all that money in a little over a month?

A. No. This will be applied to his office and mail expense dating back to August 9. The disproportionate amount is based on the fact that he had considerable initial expense, mainly involving handling over a million pieces of mail.

Q. What happens to the other \$100,000?

A. It must be expended between Feb. 9 and the beginning of the new fiscal year, July 1, 1975. It includes \$55,000 for for Nixon's pension (a prorated figure based on Aug. 9, 1974 to July 1, 1975) based on his \$60,000 annual pension.

Q. Does this mean he will have only \$45,000 to operate his entire office and pay salaries?

A. Yes.



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Nixon Overspends Transition Fund

**By Jack Anderson
and Les Whitten**

Richard M. Nixon has spent almost double the amount Congress allotted for his transition from President to common citizen.

Congress voted just \$200,000

were carried on scheduled military flights. Nixon's military drivers picked up the crates at El Toro Marine Base, Calif.

To keep Nixon's fleet of government cars full of gas has cost \$2,000. The taxpayers are even paying for magazine subscriptions for the former President.

language of the House Appropriations Committee report.

Yet on Nov. 9, when these figures and another \$30,000 in expenses were submitted, the former President had already exceeded the budget by a whopping \$167,000. This raises the question of who will be stuck for the overspending.

desperately needed both abroad and at home, is still sitting in warehouses going to ruin for lack of care . . . Assistant Labor Secretary Jon Stender has sternly restricted his employees to "those trips which are essential in carrying out our program responsibilities." He set an example by taking nine



Shirock
Call back
Shirock

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Congress voted just \$200,000 to help him adjust to private life. He has already spent at least \$367,000.

We have obtained the expenditures that Nixon has run up in exile at San Clemente, Calif.

During the first three months, \$107,000 was paid out in salaries to 29 aides, including his personal butler, maid, three chauffeurs and a medical corpsman. This doesn't count \$47,000 for their living expenses, nor \$2,419 for their miscellaneous travel bills.

Nixon's own travel from Washington to San Clemente cost the taxpayers \$8,440 from the transition fund. But this was only part of the cost; the rest was charged to the White House because he technically remained President during the first part of the flight.

There was a bill for \$3,147, however, for packing and moving Nixon's personal effects to Andrews Air Force Base outside Washington. No charge was made against the transition fund for the shipment to San Clemente, because the crates

were carried on scheduled military flights. Nixon's military drivers picked up the crates at El Toro Marine Base, Calif.

To keep Nixon's fleet of government cars full of gas has cost \$2,000. The taxpayers are even paying for magazine subscriptions for the former President.

A bill for \$9,172 was submitted for office supplies, wire service machines and magazine subscriptions.

Not included in the transition cost, of course, is the \$17 million that the federal government has sunk in the Nixon estates in California and Florida.

But even after he gave up the presidency, the government continued to lavish money on his two estates. During the first three months of his retirement, \$52,160 was spent at San Clemente and \$23,540 at Key Biscayne to operate the facilities.

It has cost another \$83,000 to screen, crate and store millions of Nixon papers. There has been no final decision, meanwhile, on who will wind up owning his presidential papers and gifts.

Except for the \$17 million that went into the presidential compounds, all the expenses listed above were supposed to come out of the \$200,000 transition budget. This is clear from the

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H&S Committee could
recognize this. Hence
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Spoke solution?
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Communications - contracts run
through Dec 31 - utility, house etc - walls
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properly reimbursable to transition.



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AT THE WHITE HOUSE

WITH RON NESSEN

AT 12:45 P.M. EST

JANUARY 10, 1975

FRIDAY

MR. NESSEN: The President came into work this morning at 8 o'clock and he spent about 45 minutes meeting with Dr. Burns to discuss the economy and to discuss the proposals and recommendations that the President is about to make.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the President will be meeting with his economic advisers to continue making his decisions on the economic program.

Q Do you have some names?

MR. NESSEN: It is the Economic Policy Board, and I think there will be a chance to take some film and photos of that.

At 3:30 the President is meeting with Speaker Albert to discuss issues that will be before the 94th Congress and to discuss the economy and energy.

At 5:30 today the President will meet with Congressman Ullman. Both of these meetings are part of the President's continuing consultations with Members of Congress and part of his cooperative efforts with Members of Congress.

Q Is he prepared to tell Speaker Albert when he wants to make the State of the Union?

MR. NESSEN: As I say, they are going to discuss the legislative program for the Congress. I think that could come up, Aldo.

Q Does he want to know from Mr. Albert when the Democrats are going to make their economic presentation?

MR. NESSEN: Out of idle curiosity, perhaps, but not in terms of deciding on what date to make his. (Laughter)

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Q Ron, on the economy, there are reports that the President will make a televised speech on Sunday. I will broaden that. Is he going to make a speech between now and Monday night?

MR. NESSEN: Let me tell you precisely where it stands today, and it is that the President has not decided any timetable for presenting his proposal.

Tom, you were trying to say something.

Q Can you rule out a speech this weekend, then?

MR. NESSEN: The decision simply has not been made. I have been saying that, and it still has not been made, and it is not likely to be made until probably late tomorrow afternoon.

Q Is that one of the things he is considering, Ron?

MR. NESSEN: Bob, he simply has not decided yet.

Q Is there any particular reason why he has not made up his mind?

MR. NESSEN: First of all, he would like to get his decisions made so he has something to say. I think that is important, to have major decisions before you go out and tell Congress about it.

Q What you are saying, Ron, is he will have his package ready by tomorrow afternoon or tomorrow evening?

MR. NESSEN: He will know by tomorrow afternoon when it will be ready to go.

Q Why tomorrow afternoon? What is the timetable between now and then?

MR. NESSEN: There are a lot of meetings that are scheduled that should culminate by late tomorrow afternoon and some knowledge of when the decisions will all be made.

Q Will he make that known tomorrow afternoon?

MR. NESSEN: I would think it would be good to come around tomorrow to the White House.

Q What time?

MR. NESSEN: I don't know.

Q The later the better.

MR. NESSEN: The later the better? But Sunday newspapers have early deadlines. Let's try noon.

Q Are you going to brief at noon, Ron?

MR. NESSEN: We will post, or brief, or be available, something like that.

You have the Albert and Ullman meetings and, as you know, Senator Mansfield was in here the other day to report on his trip to the People's Republic of China. At that point, they also talked about legislation for the new Congress, including the economy and energy.

Then, to continue his consultations with Congress, he will be meeting Senator Scott and Congressman Rhodes tomorrow. We don't have an exact time on that yet.

Have you got an announcement of the Prime Minister of Pakistan coming to the United States?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Do you need for me to go through that again? Probably not.

Q Ron, we are told the Democrats supposedly are to reveal their economic plans on Monday --

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q -- at a news conference. Is there any chance then, from what you have said, that the President would make his known at least in broad terms before then?

MR. NESSEN: Dick, when he decides we will tell you when it is, but the decision has not been made yet.

Q In other words, that possibility remains open?

MR. NESSEN: The decision has not been made yet.

Q Ron, Mr. Ullman yesterday said the Ways and Means Committee would approve a one-year emergency tax cut of multi-billion dollars by March 1. Does that fit in with the President's program?

MR. NESSEN: Bill, I am going to follow what the President instructed his senior staff and not go into the details of his proposals until he has had a chance to make them.

Q Does that include Mr. Hartmann?

MR. NESSEN: What do you mean?

Q I am asking in connection with the fact that he is speaking at the Press Club Thursday and giving what the Press Club says is a preview of the President's State of the Union Message. Clearly, unless they are wrong, if the President has not done his by then, it seems to contradict what you are saying. Something is wrong somewhere.

Q What was the question?

MR. NESSEN: I was wondering about that. (Laughter)

We have two routine resignations, which are Stanley Miller, resigning as U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, and M. S. Meeker, resigning as Chairman of the Committee for Purchases of the Blind and other Severely Handicapped.

I believe we have given you the recommendations to the President by his Labor-Management Committee, haven't we?

Q No.

MR. NESSEN: That will be out here momentarily. You are going to get the recommendations to the President from his Labor-Management Committee on the subjects of the economy and the energy. The President wants to say that he is giving very serious consideration to these recommendations.

I was very impressed by the fact that the Labor-Management Committee made these recommendations unanimously. I believe it is the first time, or perhaps one of the few times, that representatives of labor have agreed to the recommendation for an investment tax credit.

Q Does the work of the committee go on? Is the committee an ad hoc committee?

MR. NESSEN: No, the committee will go on, but this is one of their projects.

The President was impressed by the fact that these recommendations were constructive.

Q Any abstentions?

MR. NESSEN: No, it was unanimous. You know who the members are. They are listed on the sheet that is coming. It is really a shame you don't have it in front of you, but you will soon.

I have given you the President's remarks.

I have seen a couple of stories in the paper and I have had a few queries here, and I thought I might volunteer something to straighten out what may be a misapprehension. It has to do with Erwin Griswold, who has been appointed by the President to the Commission investigating activities of the CIA.

I have seen a couple of stories suggesting that the White House had no knowledge of some conversations Mr. Griswold had with the Special Prosecutor. The fact of the matter is that at the time the President or members of the White House staff first got in touch with Mr. Griswold about this possibility, Mr. Griswold pointed out to the White House staff members that he had had conversations with the Special Prosecutor.

He then came in and talked to various members of the White House staff and then talked to the President and explained precisely what it was that had happened.

With that foreknowledge, the President made a decision that he wanted Mr. Griswold on the Commission. The President said that he concluded that the conversations with the Special Prosecutor did not involve anything that would disqualify him from service on this Commission, that he considers Mr. Griswold a man of stature, experience and integrity.

As far as I can see, those are the announcements.

Q Ron, this morning Congressman Brooks' office has verified all the figures reported in the Jack Anderson column this morning, such as the \$160,000 more than the \$200,000 appropriated has been spent in San Clemente for things like charges for Mr. Nixon's flight from here to San Clemente, his magazine subscriptions, maids, butlers, chauffeurs, so forth and the upkeep of Key Biscayne. I have a two-part question.

First, when the President asked us to Whip Inflation Now, how can he tolerate all of this, plus the cost of sending briefings to San Clemente, since it has been verified, these figures?

MR. NESSEN: The figures come from a letter that the President sent to Congressman Brooks -- actually, Roy Ash sent the letter on November 18.

Q How does the President justify these excess expenditures over and above the appropriations?

MR. NESSEN: I don't understand how you mean in excess of the appropriations.

Q The Congress appropriated \$200,000 and he has already run up \$367,000 for things like maids and butlers and magazine subscriptions and so forth. Why do we keep sending briefings to Mr. Nixon?

MR. NESSEN: As we have said before, it has been the tradition to keep former President's briefed on major foreign policy developments.

Q Ron, I didn't understand the first part of your answer. Were you confirming the report that former President Nixon has outspent his authorization?

MR. NESSEN: I am not confirming that he outspent his appropriation. Let me start this way: Roy Ash sent a letter to Jack Brooks, Congressman Brooks, on the 18th of November spelling out the amount of money that had been spent.

What I am saying is that the question of did he outspend his appropriation is not correct because some of this money does not come out of funds appropriated for the transition. That is what I am saying. I could run through it item by item, if there is any interest in it.

Q Could you release the Roy Ash letter, please?

MR. NESSEN: I am told that if the addressee -- that is Congressman Brooks -- wishes to do so, that there is no problem with doing that, but the policy here is not to release letters until the people that the letter is addressed to agreed to that.

Q Would you please read us the letter?

MR. NESSEN: How do you want to do this? Do you want the labor-management report now?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Let's take a moment for that, then, so I can familiarize myself with these figures.

Q Ron, without releasing the letter, can't you post those figures?

MR. NESSEN: I am going to give them right now.

Out of \$367,000, \$107,000 of it is salaries. These are salaries of people who have been detailed from either the White House, the Defense Department or other Government agencies, as the law provides. Under the previous law, there was no limit on the number of detailees that could be sent there.

There is a new Appropriations Act, which has now gone into effect as of December 27, which sets a limit of \$70,000 on salaries to detailees up through the end of the transition period, which is February 9. On February 9 all detailees to San Clemente cease.

\$47,000 living expenses. These funds have been paid on a per diem basis at a rate not exceeding \$40 a day for the detailees who have been legally detailed to San Clemente.

Q Is that for the detailees?

MR. NESSEN: Correct. That does not come out of the transition funds, and neither does the detailees' salaries.

\$2,419 miscellaneous travel.

Q Is there any further breakdown on that?

MR. NESSEN: These are funds paid for commercial flights from Washington to San Clemente and return for detailees. This expense is necessary to support the detailees and does not come out of the transition funds.

\$8,440 for former President Nixon's flight of August 9 from Washington to San Clemente. That covers the portion of the flight from Washington to a point near Jefferson City, Missouri, when he ceased to be President.

Q Do you mean it cost the Government \$8,000 to get this man from Washington to Jeff City?

MR. NESSEN: The remainder of the flight from Jefferson City to El Toro Marine Station was done under the orders of President Ford and the military is paying the cost of the remainder of the flight.

Q How much is that?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have the figure.

Q Is this \$8,400 chargeable to the transition? You didn't say.

MR. NESSEN: It is not because he was President of the United States at that point.

Q Ron, I don't understand the difference between the military paying it and the Government paying it.

MR. NESSEN: During the flight from Washington to a point near Jefferson City, Missouri, he was President of the United States and that portion of the flight is covered by that. The remainder of the flight was done under orders of President Ford and was charged to the military, and I don't have a figure on it.

\$3,147 packing and moving. This is an estimate of the cost of Interior Department personnel who loaded the Nixon's personal belongings in a van on the White House lawn. However, there was no actual money spent. This was only an estimate of what it would have cost.

There was about \$300 of Government money paid to a private contractor who owned the trucks which took the belongings to Andrews Air Force Base.

Q Is this \$2,000 in addition to the \$3,100?

MR. NESSEN: The \$300 paid to the guy who owned the trucks.

Q Is that included in the \$3,147?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

\$2,000 for gasoline for about a dozen vehicles, which are at San Clemente, used by the detailees and not by the former President. The vehicles are there on a lease arrangement with the Chrysler Corporation, which runs out on February 9. They are the gas and lease expenses considered part of the support for the detailees.

Q What is the date of that?

MR. NESSEN: The agreement runs out February 9 when the support of the former President runs out.

Q How much does the leasing of automobiles cost?

MR. NESSEN: It has been \$1 a year. It is now around \$600 a year.

Q That is the car lease?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

\$9,000 for office expenses. This is partly used to handle the million pieces of mail and to set up the office operation.

\$83,000 to store and crate the Nixon papers. This is an estimate of the rental value of space at the Suitland Record Center, the Archives in Washington and the Executive Office Building, where most of them are stored.

The bulk of these are under court order, and the White House has been unable to move them anywhere and was consequently forced to store them.

The new Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, passed by Congress in the last session, makes these materials the property of the Government and, consequently, the responsibility of the Government to store them.

\$30,000 in expenses, including \$20,000 for three courier flights, which you know about.

\$4,000 for personnel and operating costs for the White House Communications Agency at San Clemente and Key Biscayne, which is included in the \$30,000.

Q Could you be more specific on the previous figure you mentioned of \$30,000 in expenses?

MR. NESSEN: I said \$20,000 of that is for the three courier flights, \$4,000 of that is for personnel and operating costs and where the other \$6,000 is, I don't know.

Let me see if Jack Brooks knows.

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Q Were these courier flights to take briefing material out there, or are they something else?

MR. NESSEN: No, that was to take briefing materials out.

Q That is stopped now, Ron. How are they getting them out there now?

MR. NESSEN: When they are sent, they are sent by secure communications.

\$52,160 cost to the GSA to operate and maintain facilities at San Clemente -- the Former President's Act, which is the name of an act, says that the Government shall maintain an office for former Presidents. There are three buildings on the Coast Guard property adjacent to the former President's property. His office there as well as space for the Secret Service, military and other Government agencies are included in this expense, rental, utilities, salary of the building manager and other employees required for the upkeep. This \$52,160 is the cost of maintaining the office as required by the law.

\$34,540, Key Biscayne -- that is the cost of the GSA of maintaining and operating the facilities at Key Biscayne, which stopped on December 31, 1974.

Total, \$367,878.

Q How much of that is charged against the \$200,000 appropriation?

MR. NESSEN: I am not sure how that breaks down. I mean, he has got expenses that we don't know anything about that he will pay out of his money. I don't know how you break that down.

Q Ron, the figures you gave us cover the period from August 9th until November 18th, is that correct?

MR. NESSEN: November 7th -- it took 11 days to get the letter written, I guess.

Q Can you give us a similar breakdown from November 7th until now?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have it here, Gaylord.

Q Can you get it?

MR. NESSEN: I guess we can get Roy Ash's people working on it if there is that much interest in it.

Q Did you say the number of detailees that these sums covered?

MR. NESSEN: I can give you the number of detailees at present who will be there until February 9th. Do you want the names or the numbers?

Q Names.

MR. NESSEN: Ron Ziegler, Frank Gannon, Diane Sawyer, Nora Vander Sommen, Rosemary Woods, Marjorie Acker and eight people who are mail assistants, switchboard operators, corpsmen, et cetera.

Q What is the number of Secret Service agents that former President Nixon has now, and how many will he have after February 9th?

MR. NESSEN: You will have to check with Jack Warner, Walt. I have no idea.

Q That list of detailees does not include Manolo and his wife.

MR. NESSEN: I think we announced about two months ago that they had left the payroll.

Q I know, but that is an earlier period.

MR. NESSEN: No, I am saying this is the current list.

Q Ron, could you tell us under what law the payments were made to Key Biscayne when the law states the former President will be provided an office? In stating that is part of the San Clemente expenses, what legal basis is there for the \$34,540 for the Key Biscayne operation?

MR. NESSEN: Not on anything to do with the President's house but on the military and staff quarters, officer quarters, whatever, the lease ran until December 31st, and these were expenses necessary to keep the property up until the lease ran out. I remember talking to Art Sampson one day and his saying that there was a considerable vandalism problem then, there, and I think that is part of this.

Q It costs \$10,000 a month to protect two vacant houses?

MR. NESSEN: Gaylord, I am giving you the figures as I have them. I have no way of going beyond the figures into a philosophical justification for them.

Q Who was the owner of those houses?

MR. NESSEN: I think the GSA would be able to tell you that; they are the ones who leased them.

Q Did they ever announce them?

MR. NESSEN: I have no way of knowing.

Q Are these the Abplanalp and Rebozo houses?

MR. NESSEN: Jim, the GSA leased the houses. I have no way of knowing.

Q Another question -- do you have anything there that would elaborate on this flight from Washington to Jefferson City? From time to time we have been given the cost of operating Air Force One. That is about a two-hour flight; it is something over \$4,000 an hour, which, my memory does not tell me that Air Force One costs \$4,000 an hour to operate.

In other words, what I am saying is, why did it cost something over \$8,000 to fly the former President on a two-hour flight from Washington to Jefferson City?

MR. NESSEN: I guess we have to look that one up, Jim. I have no idea.

Q Ron, when you were asked how much, I think you said you could not tell us how this really broke down as to how much over the \$200,000, is that correct?

MR. NESSEN: I said that the figures are not comparable, Dick. Many of the expenses I have given you were ordered under Congressional legislation and therefore didn't come out of the transition funds.

Q Just for clarification then, would you mind -- just in terms of items one, two and three, which ones of these clearly did not come out of the appropriations?

MR. NESSEN: \$107,000 for detailees' salaries, \$47,000 for detailees' living expenses, \$2,419 of miscellaneous travel for detailees. The packing and moving, \$3,147, was not a real expenditure anyway, it was a bookkeeping transaction. \$2,000 on gasoline to support the detailees. The storage of the Nixon papers -- \$83,000 for storage -- some of the \$30,000 for courier flights.

The GSA expenses on San Clemente and Key Biscayne, I guess most of that did not come out of the transition funds. Most of that is legislative.

Q I suggest that very, very little was spent.

MR. NESSEN: Well, of this particular money, yes, but whatever else he spent you would have to get from him. I mean, what he spent his money for, we don't have a record of that.

Q Ron, under what law does the President spend any money to provide Mr. Nixon with these briefings, when I believe it was suggested on Capitol Hill by a Senator that Mr. Nixon might be considered a security risk? Under what law does he spend any money to provide the -- you say tradition. We have never had another President resign in disgrace as the President said he resigned in disgrace. How does he go on doing this, Ron, under what law?

MR. NESSEN: I will check the statute number for you, Les.

Q Another question on just simple bookkeeping. When you start talking about salaries of detailees, that comes out of your White House operating funds, does it not?

MR. NESSEN: No. No.

Q Where does that come from?

MR. NESSEN: Those who are detailed from the White House are on the White House payroll; those who are detailed from the Pentagon are paid by the Pentagon, and those who are detailed from GSA are paid by GSA, et cetera.

Q Other Government sources?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q That is right?

MR. NESSEN: Whoever they are detailed from pays their salaries.

Q One last question. Gaylord was asking you a question about that \$34,540 figure. I would like to ask you, can you assure us that any of the money which is listed as cost to GSA of operating the President's Florida home did not go from GSA to former President Nixon?

MR. NESSEN: I have never heard that, but I think you really need to talk to the GSA about how it spent its money.

Q On this Communications Agency expenditure, I was not clear in my mind, did you say that is or is not charged to the transition fund?

MR. NESSEN: I am told it is not.

Q Does that end on February 9th?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, as far as I know.

Q Where is the Secure Communications that the briefings are being sent to, is that El Toro, or is that at San Clemente?

MR. NESSEN: Coast Guard station.

Q Are the briefings continuing?

MR. NESSEN: I have not heard of any going out there lately, but we need to check. They were going out about once every 10 days or so. We will find out if any have gone out recently.

Q Do you agree with the statement that former President Nixon is one of the best expense account artists in history?

MR. NESSEN: Bill.

Q Ron, has President Ford had any reaction to the expenditures that were made?

MR. NESSEN: I have not heard of any, Bill.

Q A collateral question. Has the White House or President Ford personally refused to send to President Nixon memorabilia, forward mail, keep wooden elephants, this kind of thing?

MR. NESSEN: Former President Nixon has access to his memorabilia. These items are located in his former EOB office and in the EOB office on the fourth floor. Rosemary Woods' is housed in his former EOB office. It is my understanding that former President Nixon could have personal access if he desired.

Q He can have personal access, or could someone else go in and get them?

MR. NESSEN: Somebody else could go in and get them.

Q Are we talking about tapes and documents?

MR. NESSEN: Memorabilia includes cartoons, pictures, an elephant collection, gavels, some gowns that belonged to his daughters and some gowns that belonged to his wife.

Q Where does he or someone speaking for him get the idea, then, that they cannot have these things?

MR. NESSEN: I have no idea, Norm.

Q Well, he can't take them out of there, is that it? He can look at them.

MR. NESSEN: My understanding is that memorabilia that belonged to him before January -- representatives of the White House Counsel's Office met with representatives of the former President recently and worked out an agreement, which is basically as follows:

Point one, the GSA will coordinate an inventory of these memorabilia. That inventory is now under way.

The inventory will be presented to the U. S. District Court for its approval.

Point three, if approved, the memorabilia will be transferred to the possession of the former President.

This agreement covers the period that is prior to his becoming President in 1969 and after he left the Presidency on August 9, 1974.

The Presidential Recording and Materials Preservation Act, passed by Congress in its last session, has some language which could be interpreted as preventing the former President from gaining possession of his memorabilia acquired during the period when he was in office. We anticipate further discussions with representatives of the former President on this."

Q Will you release the five points you just read?

MR. NESSEN: Three points -- I just gave them to you.

Q I thought there were five.

MR. NESSEN: Three.

Q What are the dates that the memorabilia were accumulated that he can't have? Is that just from before and after?

Q Ron, could I go to another subject?

MR. NESSEN: Sure.

Q Ron, could we go to this recommendation of the Committee and one other subject?

Q When was this Committee formed, Ron? Do you have a date? Can you refresh our memory somewhat?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have the precise date.

Q Just roughly.

MR. NESSEN: It seems to me it was set up very close to the period of time when he was holding the economic summit meeting or immediately after that, which would have been roughly October.

Q Ron, you have carefully avoided giving us any specific details of recommendations that the President has been given so far over the last two or three weeks on the economy and now you have released this. Are we to attach any special significance to the fact that you are publicly releasing these specific recommendations?

MR. NESSEN: No, I would not attach any special significance. I think, first of all, part of your question is not right because, as you know, the auto makers were in here and they gave their recommendations, which we listed in some detail here.

He has met with a number of Members of Congress, whose recommendations you are familiar with. I think we have said that during the meetings in Vail and here he took into consideration the recommendations of the Joint Economic Committee and others so I don't think it is correct to say that we have not revealed what other recommendations.

Now, as far as this one specifically goes, the significance of putting it out and of the President's words about it is that he was impressed by the fact that labor and management representatives were unanimous in their recommendations and that he considers the recommendations to be constructive and that he is giving them serious consideration.

Q Ron, can you answer a technical question on this? On the economic initiatives, they suggest a reduction in individual income taxes effective January 1.

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q Is this talking about taxes for income earned in 1975 or is it talking about a reduction in the 1974 taxes, which had to be settled up by April 15?

MR. NESSEN: Let's check that while we are here.

Q I have two questions. One is the investment tax credit rate. They recommended it go up to 12 percent. What is it now?

MR. NESSEN: It varies. It is 7 for some industries and 4 for others.

Q And they want to make it 12 across-the-board?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

Q A \$70 tax credit per exemption, does that mean that for a family of four the amount of their annual tax would be cut by four times \$70, or \$280? That is a tax credit rather than a reduction.

MR. NESSEN: We should have had somebody here from this group.

Q Do you know how long the tax will continue? Is it permanent or one year, two years, three years? What does it say?

MR. NESSEN: It does not?

Q It does not.

Q It says effective January 1.

MR. NESSEN: If you will give us just a second, we will see if we can get somebody here. I apologize for not having somebody here.

Q One more that you can answer. You said at the beginning the President was impressed with the fact that they were unanimous in recommending an investment tax credit.

MR. NESSEN: In all their recommendations. He is impressed with the fact that labor and management were to sit down and --

Q A dollar recommendation?

MR. NESSEN: He is impressed with the unanimity of all their recommendations.

Q How closely did representatives of the White House work with the committee in preparing these proposals?

MR. NESSEN: I don't think they worked closely in preparing the proposals, but they certainly worked closely in pulling them together and showing them to the President.

Q Can you tell me when the President received these recommendations?

MR. NESSEN: Oh, a while back. Certainly more than a week ago. A week or more ago.

Let me say on that point that the Labor-Management Committee suggested that its recommendations be made public.

Q Ron, you mentioned at the outset that the President is giving very serious consideration to the recommendations of the Labor-Management Advisory Committee. I take it then that you were in effect saying the President is giving very serious consideration to a \$15 billion tax cut starting January 1?

MR. NESSEN: I think he is giving serious consideration to their package of recommendations, which is not to say he is going to accept every one of them.

Q Is he seriously considering every one of them?

MR. NESSEN: Obviously.

Q Ron, does that mean the economic thinking is on line with the President's thinking?

MR. NESSEN: Not at all, Bill. I don't see how you can draw that. I say he is considering them, but he is considering all these other recommendations I mentioned, too.

Q You are aware of the fact, of course, that a number of stories were out today before this release that he has already approved a \$15 billion tax cut?

MR. NESSEN: I know that, Bob.

Q In light of that, can you make any comment on that?

MR. NESSEN: Only to say that I am going to follow his instructions and not reveal his proposals until he does.

Q Has he already decided basically what the tax cut is going to be without going into the figures?

MR. NESSEN: How do you know he has decided on a tax cut?

Q Well, all right. Has he decided whether he will have a tax cut and if so, what sort is it going to be?

MR. NESSEN: He has not made the majority of his decisions.

Q Can you tell us in what areas the decision has not been made?

MR. NESSEN: The meeting at 2:00 is to clean up as many of the last decisions as he can.

Q Ron, can you tell us what area that we are discussing?

MR. NESSEN: I have not really seen the agenda yet. Maybe I have an agenda.

Q On Mr. Griswold, was the plan to make him Chairman of the Commission until the matter of the Special Prosecutor came up?

MR. NESSEN: To make Mr. Griswold Chairman? As far as I know, Vice President Rockefeller was the President's choice.

Q You indicated, I think, before people were announced that it would not be somebody in the Government.

MR. NESSEN: Yes. When we went through that the other day and I said that nobody in Government, I was thinking of Cabinet Secretaries or Assistant Secretaries or something like that.

Q Ron, do you have an announcement of the Executive Director of that CIA Commission?

MR. NESSEN: No, we don't have that yet.

Q Ron, your statement attached to the recommendations assumes that the income tax recommendation is not limited to 1975 because he talks about the reduction of taxes.

MR. NESSEN: Per year, yes.

Q But that is not in the text. You can't read that into the text as you have.

MR. NESSEN: Are we getting anybody here from the labor-management?

Q Ron, can you deal with the report that the total economic package runs somewhere in the neighborhood of \$47 billion?

MR. NESSEN: I can't but I would stay away from that.

Q Ron, what would you stay away from?

MR. NESSEN: A total package of -- I don't even know what a total package means.

Q Is that too low, Ron, \$47 billion?

MR. NESSEN: I just think I would stay away from that figure. I don't know what you add together to get \$47 billion.

Q While waiting for that, can you describe any reports that the President had today on the situation in South Vietnam, or any studies that he made. Did anyone report to him? Did he meet with anybody?

MR. NESSEN: As you know, he meets with Secretary Kissinger every morning and Brent Scowcroft. I don't know whether that specifically came up today. I don't have anything new to give on Vietnam.

Q To follow up that, Ron, an editorial suggested the President should report what the U.S. is doing to induce President Thieu to fulfill that part of the Paris peace accords which calls on the Joint Communist Provisional Revolutionary Government and a National Council of Reconciliation to organize elections.

The question is: Will the President so inform the U.S. or are the taxpayers expected to go on supporting the Saigon regime for another decade or so? I mean, where is the end of all this tremendous support to Saigon?

MR. NESSEN: The South Vietnamese Government has proposed on several occasions the full implementation of the Paris accords, including elections in South Vietnam. On the 21st of November, as you probably recall, Les, President Thieu called for a resumption of the talks with the Communist side to work out the implementation of the political provisions of the agreement.

As you also probably recall, the Communists did not respond affirmatively to that, and rather than to return to the conferences, which had been held both in Paris and Saigon, they launched a military action.

Q Ron, there is a published report that Secretary Kissinger wanted to send the Enterprise and accompanying ships into South Vietnamese waters and the President overruled him. Is that correct?

MR. NESSEN: I am told by the people involved that there is nothing to that.

Q Who involved? The President?

MR. NESSEN: The people involved.

Q Ron, another question on their recommendations. Under their national energy policy recommendations, on page 3, under subchapter 2, the first recommendation is that the present environmental restrictions on energy production and use should be stretched out over time to reduce energy consumption and facilitate immediate expansion.

Does that mean you are proposing a relaxation of auto emission standards and any relaxation of other -- such as water pollution -- standards for factories?

MR. NESSEN: I really would rather have somebody from the Labor-Management Committee to explain in detail the recommendations that are obviously not in as great a detail as you want.

Dr. Dunlop, who is the Chairman of the Labor-Management Committee, will be here at 2:30 to brief you in detail about these recommendations.

Q Is that for sound and camera?

MR. NESSEN: I don't see why not.

Just to clear up a couple of the questions, a reduction on individual income taxes would be for the income under their recommendation of income earned in 1975, but really I think since I --

Q What was that?

MR. NESSEN: I say a question was raised earlier concerning a recommendation in the economic field of what tax year would this cover, their recommendation. I am told that it will cover the taxable year or income earned in 1975.

Q The other phrase, then, is not correct in the statement, this \$15 billion?

MR. NESSEN: As I say, Dr. Dunlop will be here in an hour and I think it would be best to let that committee speak for itself.

Q Are you sure it is the 1975 year, or is it the filing of returns in 1975 for 1974?

Q Ron, that is pretty important. So is the other one.

Q It is the tax bill for 1974, I think.

MR. NESSEN: Can't we wait for Dr. Dunlop?
A reduction in withholding for 1975 for income earned
in 1975?

Q This has nothing to do with the rebate
in 1974, then?

MR. NESSEN: This is their recommendation that
the reduction they propose be on income earned in
1975.

Q And the withholding, is that what you
are talking about?

MR. NESSEN: Why guess at what they mean when
he will be here shortly?

THE PRESS: Thank you, Ron.

END (AT 1:25 P.M. EST)

U.S. LISTS \$367,000 IN NIXON EXPENSES

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**3 Months' Costs Exceeded
Amount Congress Set for
6-Month Transition**

By RICHARD L. MADDEN

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—The White House said today that the Government spent \$367,000 to support former President Richard M. Nixon in the first three months after he resigned last Aug. 9.

Although the amount was well above the \$200,000 appropriated by Congress for a six-month transition period ending Feb. 9, Ron Nessen, the White House press secretary, said that much of the money had been spent on activities not covered by the transition legislation,

Half of Last Flight Being Billed to Nixon

W. Post
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United Press International

Somewhere over Jefferson City, Mo., on Aug. 9, Richard M. Nixon not only lost the presidency but cost-free travel aboard Air Force One, the White House said yesterday.

Thus the former President is being charged for the last half of his flight from the White House to San Clemente, Calif., press secretary Ron Nessen told reporters.

Responding to a report by columnists Jack Anderson and

White House, Defense Department and other government agency employees assigned by law to aid the transition. Nessen said this, item is not charged to the \$200,000 transition fund.

- \$47,000 in living expenses for those detailed to Nixon, also not charged against the fund.

- \$8,440 charged against Nixon's \$200,000 for his share of the Aug. 9 Air Force One flight

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Nixon Got Subsidy of \$367,878

Associated Press

In the first three months after Richard M. Nixon's resignation, the government spent at least \$367,878 to support the former president and his staff.

White House Press Secretary Ronald Nessen said yesterday the itemized list of expenses totaling \$367,878 is "not comparable" to the \$200,000 voted by Congress for Nixon's transition. He said only part had been charged against the \$200,000.

- \$2,419 for miscellaneous travel, including airline tickets for flights between Washington and San Clemente by the detailed officials.

- \$8,440 for the portion of Nixon's Aug. 9 flight from Washington to "a point near Jefferson City, Mo.," where he ceased to be President. The cost of the rest of the flight to California was paid for by the military on orders of President Ford, Nessen said, adding that he did not have a figure for that.

- \$83,000 to crate and store Nixon papers in such facilities as the National Archives and the Executive Office Building.

- \$20,000 for such expenses

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 16, 1975

For: Jack Marsh

From: Phil Buchen *P.W.B.*

In case the President or anyone else should question whether the charges that your friend Ron Ziegler made concerning the White House are in any way well-founded, here are the facts as the legal staff knows them.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 15, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM: BARRY ROTH *BR*

SUBJECT: LA Times Interview with Ron Ziegler

Referencing the attached interview with Ron Ziegler and his allegations of "vindictiveness of some in Congress and some in the Ford White House" towards former President Nixon, Ziegler's charges were apparently the result of his misunderstanding of the White House position on expenditures for Nixon during the transition period. In responding to Jack Anderson's charges that Nixon had overspent his \$100,000 transition appropriation, Ron Nessen last Friday released costs relating to the transition that had been incurred through November 9, 1974. Included in these costs was \$8,440 which covered the portion of Nixon's return flight to San Clemente when he had ceased to be President. Although Nessen specifically stated that the military was paying this portion of the flight costs, UPI erroneously reported that it was to be paid out of the transition funds. [Contacted by the Press Office, UPI not only failed to correct its error, but has since written that the White House changed its initial position.] On reading UPI's erroneous story, Ziegler proceeded with his interview, during which he made several rather vague charges against the White House.

In addition to the unfairness of charging Mr. Nixon for the cost of this portion of the flight, Ziegler claimed that the White House has refused to forward "mail and such personal property as memorabilia and even high school papers despite five months of efforts to obtain them." As a result, Nixon has been required to pay lawyers to negotiate the release of the mail. In fact, this matter is not the simple one portrayed by Ziegler.

On August 9, White House efforts to gather Mr. Nixon's papers and other materials began with a memorandum from Jerry Jones to the White House staff requiring that they turn in such items to the Office of Presidential Papers. Although orders were given by our office not to permit foreign gifts to President Nixon to be sent to the West Coast, a shipment of Nixon's personal clothes and effects was made. On several occasions, at the request of the former President or his staff, gift items paid for by the RNC and not subject to Judge Richey's Order have been shipped to San Clemente for use by Mr. Nixon.

The White House also sought an opinion of the Attorney General as to the ownership of Presidential papers, which eventually led to the September 6 Nixon-Sampson agreement. It was the understanding of the White House and Sampson that this agreement would not be implemented until the needs of the Special Prosecutor had been satisfied. On October 21, 1974, at 4:20 p.m., Judge Richey responded to Mr. Nixon's suit seeking immediate implementation of the agreement by enjoining implementation and barring transfer by the White House, GSA or the Secret Service of any of the "Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration." On October 24 and October 30, as Counsel to the President, you directed all members of the White House staff to turn in all "Presidential materials of the Nixon Administration."

On August 9, Rose Mary Woods moved into the suite of offices in the EOB, previously used by President Nixon (Rooms 175 and 175 1/2), taking with her a significant volume of materials that had been in her office. The remainder of the files that had been under her custody and control were placed in Room 429 of the EOB. From August 9 until November 6, there were no restrictions on Miss Woods' access to Rooms 175 and 175 1/2, and she worked without White House supervision or restrictions as to her work in these rooms. After a newspaper story describing her access to Mr. Nixon's papers resulted in a complaint from Counsel for Anderson, an intervenor in Nixon v. Sampson, et al., and on the advice of the Department of Justice, Room 175 1/2 was locked after a brief inspection by you and me. Instructions were then given that this room could be entered only on your express written authorization. On November 6, Miss Woods indicated to me that

she did not intend to pack the memorabilia and other items until she was positive that they would be promptly sent to San Clemente. Miss Woods was also told at this time that it would be possible to arrange to remove from this room her personal materials. On November 7, I contacted Marge Acker of Miss Woods' office to see if she and Miss Woods wanted to go into Room 175 1/2 on that day. She stated that she would get back to me with a convenient time but she did not call back. In the meanwhile, Miss Woods had free access to Room 175 containing Mr. Nixon's memorabilia.

On October 11, 1974, you authorized Miss Woods to inventory Mr. Nixon's personal files in Room 429. This process was stopped following Judge Richey's Order of October 21, 1974. No request from Mr. Nixon's agents to recommence this project was made by Mr. Nixon's representatives until Miss Woods' verbal request to me of January 13. However, we lack the necessary manpower to recommence this work until the completion of the work in Rooms 175 and 175 1/2. Mr. Nixon's Counsel have established these rooms as the first priority, and plan to get into these other matters at a later time.

On November 25, 1974, in response to a request from Herbert J. Miller, you requested GSA to locate approximately 69 boxes of mail addressed to Mr. Nixon from the public. Although this mail was believed to contain only post-August 9 mail, while checking these boxes GSA discovered that they contained pre-August 9 mail as well as post-August 9 mail. Under Judge Richey's Order, segregation of the contents was therefore required before they could be turned over to Mr. Nixon's representatives. All of this post-August 9 mail was given to Miss Woods by December 19. Stan Mortenson then contacted Bill Casselman who indicated that the White House would not pay to ship the mail to San Clemente, but that transition funds were available for such purposes.

Mortenson and Miller claim that this was their first exposure to the Transition Act and that they had been unaware that there was any time limit on the availability of funds for such purposes. They had, therefore, treated memorabilia, pre-Presidential and personal items as one portion of the overall problem and no prompt shipment had been sought. At the request of Herbert J. Miller,

a meeting was held on January 7, 1975, with representatives of the White House, Mr. Nixon and GSA. During this meeting, for the first time a request was made to pack Mr. Nixon's memorabilia for shipment. It was the position of Mr. Nixon's Counsel that only those items pre-or post-dating the Nixon Administration could be shipped to San Clemente at this time, due to Judge Richey's Order as well as P.L. 93-526. On January 7, Mr. Miller wrote to you formally requesting that these materials be segregated.

Despite Ziegler's charge that these materials had been sorted, they had not been sorted by Miss Woods during the five months she was in these offices. Following Mr. Miller's request, this process was only begun on Friday, January 10. Completion of the segregation and packing of the memorabilia alone will continue into next week. In addition, an inventory of items to be sent to Mr. Nixon will have to be filed with the Court prior to any materials being sent to San Clemente.

While Ziegler also accused the White House press staff of pontificating rather than merely stating facts, the press briefing transcript indicates that these costs were accurately described as proper under the authority of the Transition Act. Finally he criticized the haste of federal officials to remove facilities constructed for Mr. Nixon at San Clemente. This allegation is supported neither by the record nor by precedent. The removal of equipment is being carefully coordinated by Jack Marsh's office, and has been at a reasonable pace. In addition, this is consistent with the removal of equipment from the LBJ Ranch in Texas following President Johnson's return to private life.

cc: Bill Casselman

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MR. NESSEN: No, the committee will go on, but this is one of their projects.

The President was impressed by the fact that these recommendations were constructive.

Q Any abstentions?

MR. NESSEN: No, it was unanimous. You know who the members are. They are listed on the sheet that is coming. It is really a shame you don't have it in front of you, but you will soon.

I have given you the President's remarks.

I have seen a couple of stories in the paper and I have had a few queries here, and I thought I might volunteer something to straighten out what may be a misapprehension. It has to do with Erwin Griswold, who has been appointed by the President to the Commission investigating activities of the CIA.

I have seen a couple of stories suggesting that the White House had no knowledge of some conversations Mr. Griswold had with the Special Prosecutor. The fact of the matter is that at the time the President or members of the White House staff first got in touch with Mr. Griswold about this possibility, Mr. Griswold pointed out to the White House staff members that he had had conversations with the Special Prosecutor.

He then came in and talked to various members of the White House staff and then talked to the President and explained precisely what it was that had happened.

With that foreknowledge, the President made a decision that he wanted Mr. Griswold on the Commission. The President said that he concluded that the conversations with the Special Prosecutor did not involve anything that would disqualify him from service on this Commission, that he considers Mr. Griswold a man of stature, experience and integrity.

As far as I can see, those are the announcements.

Q Ron, this morning Congressman Brooks' office has verified all the figures reported in the Jack Anderson column this morning, such as the \$160,000 more than the \$200,000 appropriated has been spent in San Clemente for things like charges for Mr. Nixon's flight from here to San Clemente, his magazine subscriptions, maids, butlers, chauffeurs, so forth and the upkeep of Key Biscayne. I have a two-part question.

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First, when the President asked us to Whip Inflation Now, how can he tolerate all of this, plus the cost of sending briefings to San Clemente, since it has been verified, these figures?

MR. NESSEN: The figures come from a letter that the President sent to Congressman Brooks -- actually, Roy Ash sent the letter on November 18.

Q How does the President justify these excess expenditures over and above the appropriations?

MR. NESSEN: I don't understand how you mean in excess of the appropriations.

Q The Congress appropriated \$200,000 and he has already run up \$367,000 for things like maids and butlers and magazine subscriptions and so forth. Why do we keep sending briefings to Mr. Nixon?

MR. NESSEN: As we have said before, it has been the tradition to keep former President's briefed on major foreign policy developments.

Q Ron, I didn't understand the first part of your answer. Were you confirming the report that former President Nixon has outspent his authorization?

MR. NESSEN: I am not confirming that he outspent his appropriation. Let me start this way: Roy Ash sent a letter to Jack Brooks, Congressman Brooks, on the 18th of November spelling out the amount of money that had been spent.

What I am saying is that the question of did he outspend his appropriation is not correct because some of this money does not come out of funds appropriated for the transition. That is what I am saying. I could run through it item by item, if there is any interest in it.

Q Could you release the Roy Ash letter, please?

MR. NESSEN: I am told that if the addressee -- that is Congressman Brooks -- wishes to do so, that there is no problem with doing that, but the policy here is not to release letters until the people that the letter is addressed to agreed to that.

Q Would you please read us the letter?

MR. NESSEN: How do you want to do this? Do you want the labor-management report now?

Q Yes.

MR. NESSEN: Let's take a moment for that, then, so I can familiarize myself with these figures.

Q Ron, without releasing the letter, can't you post those figures?

MR. NESSEN: I am going to give them right now.

Out of \$367,000, \$107,000 of it is salaries. These are salaries of people who have been detailed from either the White House, the Defense Department or other Government agencies, as the law provides. Under the previous law, there was no limit on the number of detailees that could be sent there.

There is a new Appropriations Act, which has now gone into effect as of December 27, which sets a limit of \$70,000 on salaries to detailees up through the end of the transition period, which is February 9. On February 9 all detailees to San Clemente cease.

\$47,000 living expenses. These funds have been paid on a per diem basis at a rate not exceeding \$40 a day for the detailees who have been legally detailed to San Clemente.

Q Is that for the detailees?

MR. NESSEN: Correct. That does not come out of the transition funds, and neither does the detailees' salaries.

\$2,419 miscellaneous travel.

Q Is there any further breakdown on that?

MR. NESSEN: These are funds paid for commercial flights from Washington to San Clemente and return for detailees. This expense is necessary to support the detailees and does not come out of the transition funds.

\$8,440 for former President Nixon's flight of August 9 from Washington to San Clemente. That covers the portion of the flight from Washington to a point near Jefferson City, Missouri, when he ceased to be President.

Q Do you mean it cost the Government \$8,000 to get this man from Washington to Jeff City?

MR. NESSEN: The remainder of the flight from Jefferson City to El Toro Marine Station was done under the orders of President Ford and the military is paying the cost of the remainder of the flight.

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Q How much is that?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have the figure.

Q Is this \$8,400 chargeable to the transition? You didn't say.

MR. NESSEN: It is not because he was President of the United States at that point.

Q Ron, I don't understand the difference between the military paying it and the Government paying it.

MR. NESSEN: During the flight from Washington to a point near Jefferson City, Missouri, he was President of the United States and that portion of the flight is covered by that. The remainder of the flight was done under orders of President Ford and was charged to the military, and I don't have a figure on it.

\$3,147 packing and moving. This is an estimate of the cost of Interior Department personnel who loaded the Nixon's personal belongings in a van on the White House lawn. However, there was no actual money spent. This was only an estimate of what it would have cost.

There was about \$300 of Government money paid to a private contractor who owned the trucks which took the belongings to Andrews Air Force Base.

Q Is this \$2,000 in addition to the \$3,100?

MR. NESSEN: The \$300 paid to the guy who owned the trucks.

Q Is that included in the \$3,147?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

\$2,000 for gasoline for about a dozen vehicles, which are at San Clemente, used by the detailees and not by the former President. The vehicles are there on a lease arrangement with the Chrysler Corporation, which runs out on February 9. They are the gas and lease expenses considered part of the support for the detailees.

Q What is the date of that?

MR. NESSEN: The agreement runs out February 9 when the support of the former President runs out.

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Q How much does the leasing of automobiles cost?

MR. NESSEN: It has been \$1 a year. It is now around \$800 a year.

Q That is the car lease?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

\$9,000 for office expenses. This is partly used to handle the million pieces of mail and to set up the office operation.

\$83,000 to store and crate the Nixon papers. This is an estimate of the rental value of space at the Suitland Record Center, the Archives in Washington and the Executive Office Building, where most of them are stored.

The bulk of these are under court order, and the White House has been unable to move them anywhere and was consequently forced to store them.

The new Presidential Recordings and Materials Preservation Act, passed by Congress in the last session, makes these materials the property of the Government and, consequently, the responsibility of the Government to store them.

\$30,000 in expenses, including \$20,000 for three courier flights, which you know about.

\$4,000 for personnel and operating costs for the White House Communications Agency at San Clemente and Key Biscayne, which is included in the \$30,000.

Q Could you be more specific on the previous figure you mentioned of \$30,000 in expenses?

MR. NESSEN: I said \$20,000 of that is for the three courier flights, \$4,000 of that is for personnel and operating costs and where the other \$6,000 is, I don't know.

Let me see if Jack Brooks knows.

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Q Were these courier flights to take briefing material out there, or are they something else?

MR. NESSEN: No, that was to take briefing materials out.

Q That is stopped now, Ron. How are they getting them out there now?

MR. NESSEN: When they are sent, they are sent by secure communications.

\$52,160 cost to the GSA to operate and maintain facilities at San Clemente -- the Former President's Act, which is the name of an act, says that the Government shall maintain an office for former Presidents. There are three buildings on the Coast Guard property adjacent to the former President's property. His office there as well as space for the Secret Service, military and other Government agencies are included in this expense, rental, utilities, salary of the building manager and other employees required for the upkeep. This \$52,160 is the cost of maintaining the office as required by the law.

\$34,540, Key Biscayne -- that is the cost of the GSA of maintaining and operating the facilities at Key Biscayne, which stopped on December 31, 1974.

Total, \$367,878.

Q How much of that is charged against the \$200,000 appropriation?

MR. NESSEN: I am not sure how that breaks down. I mean, he has got expenses that we don't know anything about that he will pay out of his money. I don't know how you break that down.

Q Ron, the figures you gave us cover the period from August 9th until November 18th, is that correct?

MR. NESSEN: November 7th -- it took 11 days to get the letter written, I guess.

Q Can you give us a similar breakdown from November 7th until now?

MR. NESSEN: I don't have it here, Gaylord.

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Q Can you get it?

MR. NESSEN: I guess we can get Roy Ash's people working on it if there is that much interest in it.

Q Did you say the number of detailees that these sums covered?

MR. NESSEN: I can give you the number of detailees at present who will be there until February 9th. Do you want the names or the numbers?

Q Names.

MR. NESSEN: Ron Ziegler, Frank Gannon, Diane Sawyer, Nora Vander Sommen, Rosemary Woods, Marjorie Acker and eight people who are mail assistants, switchboard operators, corpsmen, et cetera.

Q What is the number of Secret Service agents that former President Nixon has now, and how many will he have after February 9th?

MR. NESSEN: You will have to check with Jack Warner, Walt. I have no idea.

Q That list of detailees does not include Manolo and his wife.

MR. NESSEN: I think we announced about two months ago that they had left the payroll.

Q I know, but that is an earlier period.

MR. NESSEN: No, I am saying this is the current list.

Q Ron, could you tell us under what law the payments were made to Key Biscayne when the law states the former President will be provided an office? In stating that is part of the San Clemente expenses, what legal basis is there for the \$34,540 for the Key Biscayne operation?

MR. NESSEN: Not on anything to do with the President's house but on the military and staff quarters, officer quarters, whatever, the lease ran until December 31st, and these were expenses necessary to keep the property up until the lease ran out. I remember talking to Art Sampson one day and his saying that there was a considerable vandalism problem then, there, and I think that is part of this.

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Q It costs \$10,000 a month to protect two vacant houses?

MR. NESSEN: Gaylord, I am giving you the figures as I have them. I have no way of going beyond the figures into a philosophical justification for them.

Q Who was the owner of those houses?

MR. NESSEN: I think the GSA would be able to tell you that; they are the ones who leased them.

Q Did they ever announce them?

MR. NESSEN: I have no way of knowing.

Q Are these the Abplanalp and Rebozo houses?

MR. NESSEN: Jim, the GSA leased the houses. I have no way of knowing.

Q Another question -- do you have anything there that would elaborate on this flight from Washington to Jefferson City? From time to time we have been given the cost of operating Air Force One. That is about a two-hour flight; it is something over \$4,000 an hour, which, my memory does not tell me that Air Force One costs \$4,000 an hour to operate.

In other words, what I am saying is, why did it cost something over \$8,000 to fly the former President on a two-hour flight from Washington to Jefferson City?

MR. NESSEN: I guess we have to look that one up, Jim. I have no idea.

Q Ron, when you were asked how much, I think you said you could not tell us how this really broke down as to how much over the \$200,000, is that correct?

MR. NESSEN: I said that the figures are not comparable, Dick. Many of the expenses I have given you were ordered under Congressional legislation and therefore didn't come out of the transition funds.

Q Just for clarification then, would you mind -- just in terms of items one, two and three, which ones of these clearly did not come out of the appropriations?

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MR. NESSEN: \$107,000 for detailees' salaries, \$47,000 for detailees' living expenses, \$2,419 of miscellaneous travel for detailees. The packing and moving, \$3,147, was not a real expenditure anyway, it was a bookkeeping transaction. \$2,000 on gasoline to support the detailees. The storage of the Nixon papers -- \$83,000 for storage -- some of the \$30,000 for courier flights.

The GSA expenses on San Clemente and Key Biscayne, I guess most of that did not come out of the transition funds. Most of that is legislative.

Q I suggest that very, very little was spent.

MR. NESSEN: Well, of this particular money, yes, but whatever else he spent you would have to get from him. I mean, what he spent his money for, we don't have a record of that.

Q Ron, under what law does the President spend any money to provide Mr. Nixon with these briefings, when I believe it was suggested on Capitol Hill by a Senator that Mr. Nixon might be considered a security risk? Under what law does he spend any money to provide the -- you say tradition. We have never had another President resign in disgrace as the President said he resigned in disgrace. How does he go on doing this, Ron, under what law?

MR. NESSEN: I will check the statute number for you, Les.

Q Another question on just simple bookkeeping. When you start talking about salaries of detailees, that comes out of your White House operating funds, does it not?

MR. NESSEN: No. No.

Q Where does that come from?

MR. NESSEN: Those who are detailed from the White House are on the White House payroll; those who are detailed from the Pentagon are paid by the Pentagon, and those who are detailed from GSA are paid by GSA, et cetera.

Q Other Government sources?

MR. NESSEN: Yes.

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Q That is right?

MR. NESSEN: Whoever they are detailed from pays their salaries.

Q One last question. Gaylord was asking you a question about that \$34,540 figure. I would like to ask you, can you assure us that any of the money which is listed as cost to GSA of operating the President's Florida home did not go from GSA to former President Nixon?

MR. NESSEN: I have never heard that, but I think you really need to talk to the GSA about how it spent its money.

Q On this Communications Agency expenditure, I was not clear in my mind, did you say that is or is not charged to the transition fund?

MR. NESSEN: I am told it is not.

Q Does that end on February 9th?

MR. NESSEN: Yes, as far as I know.

Q Where is the secure communications that the briefings are being sent to, is that El Toro, or is that at San Clemente?

MR. NESSEN: Coast Guard station.

Q Are the briefings continuing?

MR. NESSEN: I have not heard of any going out there lately, but we need to check. They were going out about once every 10 days or so. We will find out if any have gone out recently.

Q Do you agree with the statement that former President Nixon is one of the best expense account artists in history?

MR. NESSEN: Bill,

Q Ron, has President Ford had any reaction to the expenditures that were made?

MR. NESSEN: I have not heard of any, Bill.

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Q A collateral question. Has the White House or President Ford personally refused to send to President Nixon memorabilia, forward mail, keep wooden elephants, this kind of thing?

MR. NESSEN: Former President Nixon has access to his memorabilia. These items are located in his former EOB office and in the EOB office on the fourth floor. Rosemary Woods' is housed in his former EOB office. It is my understanding that former President Nixon could have personal access if he desired.

Q He can have personal access, or could someone else go in and get them?

MR. NESSEN: Somebody else could go in and get them. *mi*

Q Are we talking about tapes and documents?

MR. NESSEN: Memorabilia includes cartoons, pictures, an elephant collection, gavels, some gowns that belonged to his daughters and some gowns that belonged to his wife.

Q Where does he or someone speaking for him get the idea, then, that they cannot have these things?

MR. NESSEN: I have no idea, Norm.

Q Well, he can't take them out of there, is that it? He can look at them.

MR. NESSEN: My understanding is that memorabilia that belonged to him before January -- representatives of the White House Counsel's Office met with representatives of the former President recently and worked out an agreement, which is basically as follows:

Point one, the GSA will coordinate an inventory of these memorabilia. That inventory is now under way.

The inventory will be presented to the U. S. District Court for its approval.

Point three, if approved, the memorabilia will be transferred to the possession of the former President.

This agreement covers the period that is prior to his becoming President in 1969 and after he left the Presidency on August 9, 1974.

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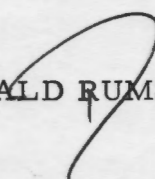
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MEMORANDUM FOR JACK MARSH

Attached is a copy of a memorandum from Arthur Sampson. I think you probably ought to see him. If you want some advice on it, Dick or I would be happy to visit with you.

If, after you have seen him, there are problems you want to talk about, needless to say, I am available. . .

Thanks.



DONALD RUMSFELD

Attachment

Russ -

Let's get Sampson in.

Study carefully the attached

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20405

ADMINISTRATOR

January 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM TO: Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Honorable John O. Marsh, Jr.

I have been making plans relating to former President Nixon and the termination of his transition period. The transition ends on February 8, 1975. I have met with Colonel Brennan and Rosemary Woods to determine staffing and a plan of action beginning for the period February 9, 1975 and ending June 30, 1975.

I have tried several times to arrange to meet with you to discuss these matters (through Mr. Rumsfeld's Office) but was unsuccessful in doing so and that is the reason I am presenting this in writing.

The reason for making a plan is to avoid making mistakes relating to our responsibilities under the two laws governing former Presidents. I am sure you will agree that it is important that all of the necessary steps are taken to show that the transition has been closed out as of February 8, 1975.

The following is submitted to you for your consideration:

1. The personnel files of all individuals on detail to former President Nixon should contain the appropriate documents ending the detail as of February 8, 1975 (Colonel Brennan has assured me that he will work with the Department of Defense to be sure that they do the same).
2. The following individuals will go on the payroll of former President Nixon:

Rosemary Woods
Loie Gaunt
Nora Vandersommen
Joanne Miller

In addition, Frank Gannon and Marjorie Acker will be unpaid consultants to former President Nixon. Diane Sawyer will be a volunteer for a short period of time.

3. Frank Gannon will be stationed in San Clemente. Rosemary Woods and Marjorie Acker will be stationed in Washington. It is recommended that Rosemary Woods and Marjorie Acker be located in the office built for former Presidents in Jackson Place.
4. All excess equipment and supplies are being removed from the San Clemente office complex and this task will be completed by February 8, 1975.
5. It is my understanding that the only individuals who will be in San Clemente on a full-time basis are individuals shown in #2 above except for Rosemary Woods and Marjorie Acker.
6. Space and equipment will be provided for volunteers working at San Clemente.

The financial plan that goes into effect as of February 9, 1975 is as follows:

. Pension	\$55,000
. Salaries and Benefits	36,000
. Communications	2,200
. Postage, travel, equipment rentals, and miscellaneous	<u>6,800</u>
	<u>\$100,000</u>

GSA plans to have three employees at San Clemente office complex to support the former President and the Secret Service. These will be one electrician and two laborers.

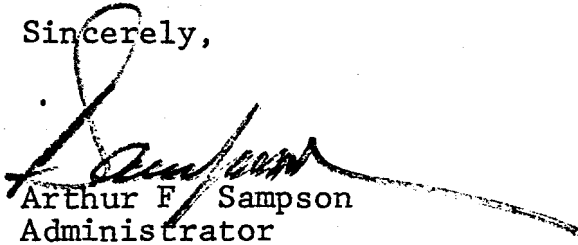
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I am proceeding to process papers and take the necessary actions to accomplish all that I can within my jurisdiction.

The assignment of space for Rosemary Woods and the payroll actions that I mentioned above need to be done by your staff.

I want to assure you that as of February 9, 1975 that transition will be in order -- there will be no mistakes.

Sincerely,



Arthur F. Sampson
Administrator