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CONGRESSMAN DOLE REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON

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NUMBER OF FEDERAL EMPLOYEES CONTINUES TO RISE

On September 20, 1966, President Johnson issued a "freeze order" on civilian employment by the U. S. Government. Under that order it was indicated that the Administration was rolling the Government's civilian payroll back to the level of July 1966.

However, instead of holding employment at the July level, the Administration has actually increased the number of Government employees by a total of 108,910 since the date of the "freeze order."

In a statement on April 29, 1967, Hon. George Mahon (D-Tex), Chairman of the Joint Committee on Reduction of Nonessential Federal Expenditures, released the latest figures on civilian employment reported by executive agencies of the Federal Government.

Month		Employment	Increase
October November December January February March	1966 1966 1967	2,798,212 2,834,940 2,842,528 2,848,249 2,864,626 2,882,634	24,488 36,728 7,588 5,721 16,377 18,008

This 108,910 increase since the September executive order comes on top of an earlier increase in the civilian payroll of 35,677 employees during July, August, and September 1966. This means that 144,587 civilian employees have been added during fiscal year 1967, in direct contradiction to the terms of the Administration's "freeze order."

Based on the estimate that each new civilian employee costs the Federal Government a minimum of \$6,000 per year, the Federal Government is now paying about \$868 million annually to meet the payroll of additional civilian employees which the Administration itself as recently as last September said it did not need.