

Contractor Provides Dodd Car

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Only Senate leaders are furnished Government limousines; all other Senators, including committee chairmen, are obliged to provide their own transportation.

There is, however, one curious exception. Sen. Tom Dodd (D - Conn.), drives a sleek, black Jet 88 Oldsmobile thoughtfully provided by a Connecticut contractor.



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The car carries the Connecticut license tag, "U.S. SEN. 11" but the registration is made out to Dunbar Associates, Inc., of 54 Pane Road, Newington, Conn.

The Senator has been driving the Dunbar Co. car ever since July, 1964. He wrote a thank-you letter, carefully marked "personal," to David Dunbar, the company president, on July 23, 1964. "I want you to know how deeply grateful I am to you for the wonderful assistance which you have given me," wrote Dodd. "The car is just great, and it sure gets me around."

Soon after the car arrived, Dodd began scouting around for government contracts for Dunbar Associates. He made inquiries at the Atomic Energy

Commission and Government Printing Office.

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Thanks in part to his intervention, Dunbar was awarded the contract to close down the Connecticut Advanced Nuclear Engineering Laboratory.

The Senator was less successful, however, with the public printer. He turned this project over to Gerry Zeiller, a former assistant, who investigated whether Dunbar could get the contract to move the Government Printing Office to a new building.

Last June, Zeiller received a note from the Senator's private secretary, Doreen Moloney.

"Dave Dunbar called and wanted me to check with the Senator about setting up a luncheon next week with Jim Harrison of Government Printing," wrote Miss Moloney. "The Senator said to check with you, and I suppose, if you give the go-ahead, the luncheon can be set up."

Zeiller learned that the Printing Office wouldn't be moving into its new quarters for several years, and that all contracts would be handled by the Joint Congressional Committee on Printing.

"In view of this," replied Zeiller in a memo, "I am sure there will be very heavy polit-

ical implications in the whole deal and will take an awful lot of spade work to get any piece of this action for Dunbar or anybody else."