

## **Stall Claimed In Report on Sen. Tydings**

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Sen. J. W. Fulbright (D-Ark.) charged Saturday that the Nixon administration purposely held up a report clearing Sen. Joseph T. Tydings of conflict-of-interest allegations, until after the Nov. 3 election.

The Maryland Democrat was defeated by Republican Rep. J. Glenn Beall Jr.

Fulbright said the State Department could have issued its report before Friday. "They should have but they stalled on it," he said.

Fulbright asked the State Department in August to investigate allegations published in Life magazine that Tydings used his "personal and senatorial prestige" to promote a \$7-million loan guaranty from the Agency for International Development to Charter Co., an investment firm in which Tydings had financial interests, for a Nicaraguan housing project.

The report by Scott Heuer Jr., State Department inspector general for foreign affairs, concluded Tydings was not guilty of any wrongdoing or misuse of influence.

Fulbright said he and Tydings had tried to shake loose the State Department's findings before the election but were "stalled on it." Fulbright said the investigation should not have taken any more than 10 days to two weeks to complete.