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Records Show Dodd Collected Fare Twice

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Senate records show that Sen. Thomas J. Dodd was reimbursed for an airplane trip to Los Angeles in 1964, and the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce also reports it paid his fare.

On file in the Senate Secretary's office is a report listing payment of \$320.78 to Dodd as chairman of the Senate Juvenile Delinquency Subcommittee for a flight to Los Angeles on Feb. 26, 1964, from Baltimore's Friendship airport and his return here on March 4.

In Los Angeles, Victor Stark, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, said it also had sent Dodd a check for \$320.78 for his airfare after he addressed the Jaycees there on Feb. 27, 1964.

Stark said that a check was sent to Dodd after he received a letter from Michael O'Hare, Dodd's former office manager, requesting payment.

Dodd, late yesterday denied that his plane fare to Los Angeles had been paid both by the Senate and the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The check he received from the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce, Dodd said, was for reimbursement of his wife's ticket.

Dodd, under investigation by the Senate Ethics Committee on misconduct charges, said the Los Angeles Jaycees had invited him to be the principal speaker at their annual banquet and had expressed hope that Mrs. Dodd would accompany him.

"In view of the Chamber's suggestion that Mrs. Dodd accompany me and in view of the fact that she did accompany me," he added, "my office evidently assumed that Mrs. Dodd's air transportation would be paid and the payment was for her air transportation."

The Senator said he has offered to reimburse the Jaycees for his wife's fare and had so advised them yesterday.

In the Secretary of the Senate's report of disbursements from the Senate's contingent fund for the period July 1, 1964, to Dec. 31, 1964, is this entry:

"83 American Airlines, Inc.

"For transportation furnished the subcommittee of the Committee of the Judiciary, to investigate juvenile delinquency, under authority of S. Res. 274, agreed on Feb. 10, 1964.

"1964

"Feb. 26—March, 4: Baltimore, Md., to Los Angeles, Calif., to Washington, D.C. (Senator Dodd)." The next column lists the disbursement of \$320.78.

[Sen. Dodd's former aide, James P. Boyd, told the United Press International that Dodd also charged his own campaign committee for the fare. The Senator was running for re-election in 1964.

[Boyd said there were "several times" when Dodd doubled up on collecting air fares. He said he had provided the Ethics Committee with information about this.]