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Attorneys in Wrangle Over Dodd Documents

"It was mostly a fillbuster," columnist Jack Anderson said as he walked out of Sen. Thomas J. Dodd's office suite.

Attorneys for the Connecticut Democrat and for columnists Anderson and Drew Pearson wrangled yesterday over documents the columnists got from former members of Dodd's staff.

Dodd's chief lawyer, John F. Sonnett, maintained they were "tainted" and insisted that fresh, unannotated copies be used in the Senator's libel suit against Pearson and Anderson.

Briefing reporters after the closed pre-trial deposition proceeding, Anderson disagreed. He said Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach told him and Pearson that "they were not tainted and that they would be admissible in court."

Anderson said Katzenbach made the statement when he and Pearson went to complain to the Attorney General in early spring about what they considered an over-emphasis by the Justice Department on how the documents were obtained.

At yesterday's deposition, James Boyd, Dodd's former

administrative assistant, was finally called in to identify Dodd's copies of the documents, all dealing with former Chicago public relations man Julius Klein.

Sonnett reportedly wanted this done to get Boyd to verify what Klein documents he and other Dodd ex-aides had taken to make copies.

Anderson said the rest of the day was largely spent introducing about 55 of the documents, one by one.

Among them, the columnist said, were a June 17, 1964, letter from Klein to Dodd, asking Dodd to "cable or write" former West German Foreign Minister Heinrich von Brentano who had just turned 60 and was recovering from an illness.

Also introduced, Anderson said, were a June 19, 1964, memo to a Dodd aide, David Martin, signed "TJD" and telling him to send a cable to von Brentano "right away to member that von Brentano was ill," he quoted Dodd as saying.

Anderson said the Senator recalled sending the cable at yesterday's deposition. "I remember that von Brentano was ill," he quoted Dodd as saying.