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## Ex-Aide to Dodd Denies Anderson Report of Gun

NEWINGTON, Conn., June 23 (AP)—The former public relations director for the late Sen. Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) today labeled as "a cheap, vicious and bold-faced lie" columnist Jack Anderson's report that Dodd carried a pistol onto the floor of the Senate the day he was censured in 1967.

"Anderson has succeeded in taking a grain of truth, mixing it with a ton of lies and distortions, and coming up with another disgraceful example of yellow journalism," said Joe Barbarette.

Anderson said Dodd's aides feared the senator contemplated taking his own life on the Senate floor, realizing that a censure vote was inevitable.

Barbarette, who is now news director of WPOP Radio, said the senator did request a pistol from the gun collection of the Senate's Juvenile Delinquency subcommittee, of which Dodd was chairman.

"But, on the morning of the censure vote, with Mrs. Dodd and the senator's son, Gerry, in his office, another close friend and adviser, Lee Grills, took the pistol from the senator and left the building," said Barbarette. "Sen. Dodd did not carry a loaded gun onto the floor of the Senate that day or any other day."

Dodd, censured for allegedly misusing campaign funds, lost a re-election bid in 1970 and died last year.