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Paper Says Agnew's Golfing
Cost Taxpayers \$250,000

BALTIMORE, Feb. 18 (AP) — Spiro T. Agnew spent at least \$250,000 of taxpayers' money to finance his golfing vacations while he was Vice President, The Baltimore Sun said today.

In an article from its Washington bureau, the Sun said that Mr. Agnew made at least 23 trips to his favorite links at Palm Springs, Calif., during his four and a half years in office. The Sun said that nine of those trips had been made directly from Washington.

The newspaper figured that each trip had cost a minimum of \$11,000, for a total of at least a quarter of a million dollars for the use of an Air Force 707 jet, fuel and pilots.

A White House spokesman declined to comment on Mr. Agnew's trips to Palm Springs but said, "the biggest reason" for using jets both personal or political trips "is the security."