

Tax Action by IRS on Sen. Scott Reported

Philadelphia

The Internal Revenue Service has sent a tax deficiency notice to Senator Hugh Scott (Rep-Pa) for funds he allegedly received from Gulf Oil Corp. but did not report on his 1973 income tax return, according to a source quoted in the Philadelphia Sunday Bulletin.

Scott was unavailable for comment, and the IRS, saying all tax matters are confidential, refused to comment on the report.

A deficiency notice indicates the IRS believes a taxpayer failed to pay certain taxes without intent to defraud.

The Bulletin's source said the IRS is also investigating the Senate minority leader's tax returns before 1973 for possible tax fraud, for

which the normal three-year statute of limitations does not apply.

Gulf lobbyist Claude Wild had said he gave Scott \$10,000 a year from the early 1960s until 1973 for "office or personal use."

Scott, 75, who is not seeking reelection, has admitted to the Senate Ethics Committee that he received \$45,000 to \$50,000 from Wild after becoming minority leader in 1969, using it for his 1970 campaign and passing most of it on to other Republican senators.

But Scott would not acknowledge taking any contributions prior to that time, and he has refused public comment about the Gulf money except to deny any impropriety.

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