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**Aspin vs.
Haig's
Dog**

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This much is known: Duncan the dog, owned by General Alexander M. Haig, traveled about 100 miles by an Army staff car in Germany.

Haig, chief aide to Richard M. Nixon during the last days of his presidency, is back on active duty, commander of allied forces in Europe. Representative Les Aspin (Dem-Wis.) said yesterday that Haig ordered an Army staff car and driver to take his poodle from Frankfort to Stuttgart and that the dog "rode in style," driven by Private First Class Gloria Stevens.

Aspin, who said he heard of the incident from "outraged" servicemen, said the action was illegal and Haig should be reprimanded and billed for the cost.

"There is no question that personal use of government vehicles is illegal even by dogs of four-star generals," Aspin said.

The Pentagon replied that Haig paid to have the dog flown commercially to Germany, and an unnamed Army officer, "who had volunteered to take care of the dog, arranged for the dog to be transported in an Army sedan from Frankfurt" after it arrived October 30.

It said Haig did not arrive in Europe until that evening and "had no knowledge of the arrangements made by the officer."

An official said use of a sedan solely to move the dog would probably be a violation of regulations, but he said in the brief time available he was unable to find out if the sedan was going to Stuttgart anyway.

The Pentagon said, however, that Aspin was wrong in one aspect: Duncan is a combination Dachshund and Beagle, not a poodle.