
Aid to Nixon and Rebates Lead to Big Braniff Fine

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The Civil Aeronautics Board fined Braniff International Airways a record \$300,000 yesterday for juggling its books to hide an illegal contribution made to the re-election campaign of former President Nixon in 1972 and to hide rebates the airline paid to travel agents in South America.

The board also announced that Braniff, which consented to the record fine, had agreed to the CAB's decision to seek a federal court injunction that would prohibit the airline and its employees from taking similar actions in the future.

Braniff acknowledged during the board's investigation that it sold airline tickets with a face value of more than \$1 million to generate "off the books" cash that could be used for rebates and for paying excessive commissions to travel agents.

Braniff is the second airline to be fined by the CAB for such activities. American Airlines was fined \$150,000 last year for using similar accounting practices to hide contributions made to Mr. Nixon and to other political candidates.

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