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## Billy cleared of criminal violation

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WASHINGTON (UPI) — A Senate panel Thursday charged top administration officials used poor judgment in dealing with Billy Carter's \$220,000 Libyan affair — but found no evidence of criminal violations or deliberate wrongdoing.

But one Republican senator said an investigation shows "a clear pattern of misconduct" by the administration, and a second senator suggested President Carter brought Billy into the Iranian hostage situation as November to help his brother financially.

The special Senate Judiciary Subcommittee ended a two-month investigation by issuing a 249-page interim report with a score of pages of conclusions.

The report said Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti, national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski and others did not give President Carter sufficient warning of the danger of his brother's Libyan dealings.

The subcommittee concluded Libya exerted great effort to gain Billy Carter's friendship to use him in attempting to influence U.S. policy and to gain a means of embarrassing the president.

The president was "ill advised" to call on his brother in November to persuade Libya to intercede with Iran on behalf of U.S. hostages held in Iran because this enhanced Billy Carter's image with the Libyans.

Billy Carter capitalized on this by obtaining a promised \$500,000 personal loan from Libya, collected a \$20,000 down payment last December and \$200,000 in April, and also tried to negotiate an oil deal that would net him a fortune.

The subcommittee said Billy Carter "merits severe criticism" for capitalizing on his White House connections despite repeated warnings of risks it posed for the president and the nation.

The report said the Justice Department did not show the presi-

dent's brother favoritism in permitting him to register late as a Libyan agent July 14 without penalty, and said the White House did not try to influence the decision.

However, individual members differed widely in their personal views and some Republicans said the subcommittee should have rebuked administration officials involved in much stronger terms.

Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., said the investigation shows "a clear pattern of misconduct" by the administration in the Billy affair.

Thurmond said in his view the report, following a two-month investigation, represents a non-partisan judgment that official conduct "falls far short of the standards the American people have a right to expect from their government."

"The facts in the report unmistakably demonstrate that these officials — the director of central intelligence, the national security adviser, the attorney general and the White House — followed a clear pattern of misconduct throughout this entire episode," he said.

Thurmond said the misconduct consisted of efforts to soften and delay the impact on the American public of Billy Carter's connection with Libya's radical, terrorist-supporting regime.

Thurmond charged that Billy Carter's using the fact he was the president's brother and his White House entree to obtain a \$220,000 Libyan loan and to attempt to make a lucrative oil deal with Libya has an appearance of influence peddling which the administration "did little or nothing to prevent."

"When hard evidence began to come in, it (the administration) ducked and dodged until its hand was forced by the operation of the Foreign Agents Act and the spotlight of public opinion," Thurmond said.

UPI learned the panel deleted a condemnation of the president's brother from its report during an in-

ternal tug-of-war over words. Republicans urged stronger criticisms than did the Democratic members, sources said.

Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., harshly criticized President Carter's role, suggesting he brought Billy Carter into the hostage crisis in November to help him financially.

"The president most probably had no idea of precisely how Billy would benefit, but he concluded that involvement of Billy was a relatively harmless brotherly gesture," Lugar said. "The White House was demeaned in the process."

Lugar said the White House has failed to understand fully Libya's hatred of America. He said the radical regime has sought through "ter-

rorist activity and assassination attempts to unravel the Camp David accords between Egypt and Israel.

Most of the nine members of the special Senate Judiciary subcommittee attached statements of their own divergent views to the report.

An earlier draft of the report noted the action apparently boosted Billy Carter's prestige with the radical Libyan regime and also gave a nation that opposes most U.S. Mideast policies a means to embarrass the president.

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## Paraguay breaks with Nicaragua

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ASUNCION, Paraguay — The Foreign Ministry said Thursday Paraguay has broken relations with Nicaragua because it has evidence that country was involved in the assassination of former Nicaraguan president Anastasio Somoza.

A Foreign Ministry statement said Paraguay has "irrefutable evidence" in short of the Sandinista regime's involvement in the Sept. 17 attack.

President Alfredo Stroessner's government communicated the decision to break relations Wednesday to Mexican Ambassador in Asuncion, Guillermo Alberto Robles.

The Mexican Embassy in Asuncion has been representing Nicaraguan interests in Paraguay since Stroessner's government expelled the only two Nicaraguan diplomats in Asuncion Aug. 20.

Pastor Cronel, the chief of police investigations, said shortly after Somoza's assassination that he believed the two diplomats "were linked to the plot and the people involved in it."

A guerrilla commando group, using a modern grenade launcher and automatic weapons on Sept. 17 ambushed Somoza's white limousine, killing Somoza, a business adviser and Somoza's chauffeur. Somoza, 54 at the time of his

death, fled to Paraguay about a month after resigning as president of Nicaragua as guerrilla forces were defeating his national guard in a bloody civil war.

Gunfire rang out early Thursday near the house Somoza occupied in Asuncion in a fight between unidentified people and police guards, neighborhood residents reported.

The witnesses said at least two policemen were injured in the shooting at Somoza's house where Somoza's long-time friend Denorah Sampson continues to live.

Official sources and spokesmen, however, had no comment on the incident.

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