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ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF THE TESTIMONIAL DINNER IN
LOS ANGELES HONORING THE APOLLO XI ASTRONAUTS
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Report to Senator Philip A. Hart pursuant to his request. The report contained information that:

1. It was our understanding that the State Department, at the request of the White House, had handled the administrative details because envoys from about 90 foreign countries had been invited to the ceremonies in Los Angeles honoring the Apollo XI astronauts.
2. In response to an earlier request, State Department officials had declined to furnish us with the amount of State Department funds that were used to pay for the testimonial dinner.
3. In September 1969 the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), at the request of the White House, delivered a check for \$60,000 to the State Department. The payment, according to the White House request, was for NASA's "share of the post-Apollo XI activities."

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COST OF BANQUET HONORING APOLLO 11 ASTRONAUTS---
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This letter report was sent to Senator Philip A. Hart. We told the Senator that NASA had paid \$60,000 to the State Department, for NASA's share of the post-Apollo 11 activities. The State Department had also paid some of the banquet costs from the appropriation, "Emergencies in the Diplomatic and Consular Service," but refused to give us any data. The Comptroller General is not authorized to audit this appropriation, (31 U.S.C. 54). (No index prepared.)

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