Report: Trump's stay at his Scotland resort cost \$68,800

President Trump plays a round of golf at Trump Turnberry on Sunday in Scotland. (Leon Neal/Getty Images) By David A. Fahrenthold and Drew Harwell July 17 at 3:41 PMEmail the author

The U.S. government paid \$68,800 to President Trump's golf resort in Turnberry, Scotland, to cover the cost of Trump's visit to the course last weekend, according to a report Tuesday in the Scotsman newspaper.

The money came from the State Department, the Edinburgh-based paper reported, and it paid for hotel rooms used by Trump and his staff. The president stayed at the resort - which he bought in 2014 – from Friday night to Sunday afternoon.

Reached on Tuesday afternoon, the Trump Organization did not dispute the paper's findings. Instead, it issued a one-sentence statement saying that it did not derive profits from business with the government.

"For United States government patronage, our hotels charge room rates only at cost and we do not profit from these stays," said the statement, attributed to George A. Sorial, the company's chief compliance counsel.

Eric Trump, one of the president's sons, made a similar point <u>on Twitter</u>: "We have decided that for any United States Govt business, we charge our COST and do NOT profit from these stays. Much more would be spent if they stayed elsewhere."

The White House did not immediately respond to inquiries on Tuesday. The State Department referred questions to the Secret Service, which did not immediately respond to questions.

Trump still owns his businesses, including Trump Turnberry, but he has given over day-to-day control to sons Donald Trump Jr. and Eric Trump. The Turnberry club has been one of his biggest investments — costing <u>him \$205 million in cash</u> to cover the purchase and extensive renovations. But it has <u>lost millions of dollars</u> and has never reported a profit.

Trump's stay at Turnberry came between his tumultuous visit with British Prime Minister Theresa May on Friday and his summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Monday in Helsinki.

Trump made no public appearances during his weekend at Turnberry, instead focusing on preparations for the meeting with Putin, according to this staff. Photos showed <u>he also played</u> golf.

Also on Tuesday, the Secret Service released documents showing that the U.S. government had spent more than \$20,000 at a Trump hotel in Canada in late February 2017.

The Secret Service documents, released to The Washington Post after a public-records request, detail spending by agents accompanying Donald Trump Jr., Eric Trump and Tiffany Trump to the opening of the <u>Trump International Hotel</u> in Vancouver. That hotel is managed by the Trump Organization but owned by another company.

In all, the documents show, the agents accompanying the Trumps spent \$49,500 on that two-day trip, including hotel costs, rental cars and airfare.