

Trump inaugural committee took in record \$107 million



Washington, January 21 (RHC)-- The New York Times reports President Trump's inaugural committee received an unprecedented \$107 million from private donors—at least twice the amount raised by any of Trump's predecessors.

Despite the lavish spending, Trump's inauguration was a far smaller affair than President Obama's first inauguration in 2008, with just three official inaugural balls and a fraction of the crowd size.

It's not known how most of the money was spent, but among expenses uncovered by the Times was \$1.5 million paid to the Trump International Hotel in Washington, D.C.

The Times report came as the inspector general for the General Services Administration said that the agency ignored concerns that Donald Trump's lease on the federally owned building that houses the Trump International Hotel violates anti-corruption clauses of the Constitution.

The inspector general said that after Trump's election, regulators failed to consider whether Trump's continued lease violated the emoluments clauses, which bar the president from receiving payments from foreign leaders or U.S. states.

Meanwhile, The Washington Post reports that top executives of T-Mobile booked thousands of dollars'

worth of stays at Donald Trump's Washington, D.C., hotel just one day after their company announced plans for a \$26 billion merger with Sprint.

The Post reports the executives have repeatedly returned to the hotel—for at least 38 nights—as they seek the Trump administration's approval for the merger.

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