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Maine Man Is Thanked For Agnew Bedspread

LEWISTON, Maine, May 26 (AP)—Anthony Petropulos, whose bedspread gift to Spiro Agnew last month resulted in a confusing incident, has received a letter of appreciation from the Vice President.

Petropulos, an 89-year-old retired Lewiston police officer, quoted Agnew's letter Thursday as saying:

"Amid all publicity and clamor surrounding the identity of the beautiful Bates bedspread, your kindness has not been forgotten."

Petropulos had tried to present the wrapped gift to the Vice President when he was in Augusta on April 28 for the Republican State Convention.

But the gift was intercepted by Secret Service agents, who assured Petrop-

ulos the Vice President would receive it after it was inspected.

Agnew, believing the gift was from Gov. Kenneth M. Curtis, returned the bedspread to Curtis, along with a note criticizing the Democratic governor for supporting an antiwar rally that took place outside the convention hall during Agnew's speech.