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Cataloguing of Agnew papers begins

Cataloguing the gift of 600 boxes of official and personal papers from former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's years in public office has begun at the University of Maryland.

The papers cover Agnew's years as vice president, governor of Maryland, and Baltimore County executive, and were deposited at the university in 1974 to be opened Jan. 21, 1977, the date which would have marked the end of the Nixon-Agnew administration.

According to Mary A. Boccaccio, University archivist, the Agnew collection will be made available to the public after it is inventoried and catalogued. In addition to papers, the collection contains an extensive array of memorabilia, including photographs, tapes, books, magazines, news clippings, invitations, plaques, and medals. The cataloguing of the 600 cubic feet of papers is expected to take "a minimum of two to three years," according to Boccaccio.

The terms of Agnew's gift also stipulated that the papers be screened and certain categories be sealed until periodic reviews permit lifting the seal. The major portion of the collection is to be housed in the Maryland Room of the Theodore R. McKeldin Library on the university's College Park Campus.

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