

3 Md. Prosecutors Postpone Probes

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BALTIMORE, Oct. 19—The three Maryland prosecutors with jurisdiction to investigate charges made in the federal probe that toppled Spiro T. Agnew agreed today to postpone any action of their own until U.S. Attorney George Beall has completed his investigation.

The three state prosecutors—Samuel E. Green of Baltimore County, Warren D. Duckett Jr. of Anne Arundel County and Milton Allen of Baltimore City—announced their decision in a brief joint statement after a meeting in Allen's office here.

"It is certainly not our intention to interfere with the federal prosecution," the three local prosecutors said in their statement. "However, we are all unanimous in our position that we will sometime require a full disclosure of all the facts of the case so that an evaluation can be made as to whether local prosecution is warranted or justified."

Left unclear from the statement was whether the state prosecutors were leaving open the possibility of investigating Agnew further or whether they were referring in their statement only to a possible local probe of other politicians and engineers connected to the Agnew case. The three prosecutors refused to elaborate on the statement.

Beall, whose investigation of

Agnew produced detailed allegations of a pattern of cash kickbacks from engineers to state and local politicians for government contracts, had expressed concern that any investigation by state prosecutors might interfere with his continuing probe.

In the case of Green, who has been indicted on bribery charges by a special state grand jury, Beall's office had expressed the fear that Green might use a political corruption investigation to get at his own accusers and "punish people who have cooperated with us."

On Monday, Maryland Gov. Marvin Mandel had agreed not to begin a state investigation of political corruption but his decision was not legally binding on the three local state's attorneys, over whom the governor exercises no authority.