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Recovering Profit On Agnew Home

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Rep. John Moss (D-Calif.) is taking steps to have the Federal government recover part of the profit former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew realized from the recent sale of his home in Kenwood.

Agnew, who paid \$190,000 for the property at 6415 Shadow Road in 1972, sold it last month for a reported \$300,000.

Moss has written a letter to Comptroller General Elmer Staats, asking him to determine how much of the "substantial appreciation" on the property could be "directly attributable" to some \$125,000 worth of improvements made by the General Services Administration while Agnew was in office.

Moss wants Staats to make a study that will give details as to the amount invested by the government, the amount recovered to date from security devices that could be removed and the amount "which would have reasonably been expected to have contributed to the enhancement of the value of the property."

Agnew and his real estate agent have maintained in published reports that the work done by the government had very little to do with increasing the value. They attribute the higher resale price to "normal inflation" in that high income area.

Moss is the congressman who earlier challenged the

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legality of Agnew's Secret Service detail and forced its removal.

Ironically Moss's latest salvo at Agnew came last week at a time when rumors had revived in Washington that Agnew was once again thinking of living at least part-time in Moss's home state of California. The reports may or may not have something to do with the fact that Agnew has been talking with two different movie companies about filming his novel.

One source who has been dealing with him in a publishing capacity says that Judy Agnew "has not been well" and could benefit physically and emotionally from a change of climate and geography.

Mrs. Agnew's closest women friends have not seen her or talked with her by phone in several months. Not even Alabama Sen. James Allen's wife, who is as close as anyone, has heard a word.

The Senate Wives Red Cross group which went out of its way to demonstrate that Mrs. Agnew would always be welcome there, despite what had happened to her husband, had hoped she would continue to attend meetings. But she only came once and has not returned.

Book on Hearst Case

Newsweek columnist Shana Alexander has been paid a \$200,000 advance by Viking Press to do a "definitive" book on the Patricia Hearst case.

Miss Alexander is in San Francisco, her agent, Irving Lazar, said last week, and has been "in touch with" the Symbionese Liberation Army.