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Agnew Memoirs

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Spiro T. Agnew's lawyers don't want him to write his memoirs any time soon, although he could use the money. Publishers who have made inquiries are being told that Agnew is being advised to "wait a while" and avoid doing anything "controversial" that might compound any future legal troubles . . . Judge John J. Sirica has said he doesn't want John W. Dean III or any of the other Watergate defendants lecturing or writing books to capitalize on their notoriety. But Sirica didn't say anything about stage plays or movie scripts, and Dean is reportedly negotiating in that area . . . James McCord Jr.'s memoirs, which he was paying a "vanity" publisher to print, have been shelved because of the Sirica opinion. The publisher had planned to come out first with a \$2 paperback and later with a \$10 hard-cover. Anyone who liked the book well enough to want the more expensive version would be allowed to "trade-in" the cheaper copy like a used car . . .

Julie Nixon Eisenhower, who is commuting to Indianapolis every week to edit children's books for Curtis Publishing Co., is also doing some writing. Her first major project is a story on another U.S. President's daughter, octogenarian Alice Roosevelt Longworth, for one of the women's magazines . . . Before he was fired as special prosecutor, Archibald Cox was browsing in Brentano's, looking for the Perry Mason kind of courtroom thriller he reads for relaxation. The last one he bought was "The Attorney" . . . Former Agnew aide Peter Malatesta, looking for a job, has told relatives that he hopes Gerald Ford may hire him. According to his family, he and entertainer Frank Sinatra will give up the mansion they rent here at the end of December . . . Mrs. G. Gordon Liddy, whose husband faces many more years in jail because of his refusal to talk about Watergate, may go out on the lecture circuit to supplement her teacher's income. A top agent has offered to handle her and thinks she could earn between \$25,000 and \$50,000 next year.

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