

INQUIRY ON AGNEW DETECTS NO CRIME

But Kentucky Real Estate
Panel Keeps Case Open

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LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 3 (AP) —The Kentucky Real Estate Commission has turned up no apparent law violations in an inquiry into former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's Kentucky land dealings.

"We don't see any violation," a commission member, Robert Enos, said yesterday. He added that the case would remain open until the commission inspected an agreement between Mr. Agnew and an Evansville, Inc., businessman, Walter J. Dilbeck.

Mr. Agnew and Mr. Dilbeck have secured an option to buy "certain land in the Barkley Lake area" of western Kentucky, according to a prepared statement by the commission chairman, George L. Cave.

Commissioner Enos, of Covington, instigated the inquiry last month after a northern Kentucky real estate agent questioned whether Mr. Agnew and Mr. Dilbeck were working as real estate agents without licenses.

Mr. Cave said the commission would have "no final opinion if a violation of Kentucky revised statutes has occurred" until it received a formal copy of the agreement between the two men.

The contract with Mr. Dilbeck reportedly gives Mr. Agnew \$100,000 a year and a share of any business the two secure.

Mr. Enos said that commission representatives had interviewed Mr. Agnew, Mr. Dilbeck and several Kentucky landowners in recent weeks and had examined court records.

Mr. Dilbeck said yesterday that he and Mr. Agnew had been unable to close a deal involving the purchase of a 1,600-acre tract on Lake Barkley but had received a 60-day renewal of their option to buy it.