

# Agnew Is Seeking List of 3,000 Contracts Awarded in Maryland Since 1962

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BALTIMORE, Aug. 20 — Vice President Agnew, who promised over the week-end to fight to clear his name, has asked for a list of 3,000 contracts awarded by the Maryland Board of Public Works since 1962.

The Vice President did not give his reasons for asking for the list, but most of the contracts involved political figures other than Mr. Agnew.

An assistant to Gov. Marvin Mandel of Maryland, said that Mr. Mandel had agreed to lend any assistance he could to the Vice President in securing records and other documents.

Frank A. DeFilippo, the assistant, said that the Governor and Mr. Agnew had had several conversations since it was revealed two weeks ago that Mr. Agnew was under investigation in Baltimore for possible bribery, extortion, fraud and conspiracy.

The Maryland Department of General Services said it might take 10 days to two weeks to collect all the records that Vice President Agnew had requested.

In a speech in south Maryland on Saturday, Mr. Agnew said his civil rights was being violated by leaks to news media of the progress of the investigation. He said at the time he planned to strike back. The 10-year period for which

Mr. Agnew requested state contract lists covers the administration of Millard Tawes as well as Mr. Agnew and Mr. Mandel. Mr. Agnew was Governor of Maryland in 1967 and 1968. Mr. Tawes is a Democrat, as is Mr. Mandel.

The Maryland investigation involving Mr. Agnew and other political leaders centers on allegations that contractors and consulting engineers paid kickbacks to office holders.

A special Federal grand jury has heard testimony that the "established pattern" of kickbacks would indicate that campaign contributions and underpayments would amount to as much as \$3-million to \$5-million since 1962.

United States Attorney George Beall, who is heading the investigation, said today that he agreed with Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson that it was Attorney General's decision whether evidence involving Mr. Agnew was to be presented to the grand jury.

In a television interview yesterday, Mr. Richardson said no testimony involving Mr. Agnew had gone to the grand jury and that none would until he gave approval.

Meanwhile, there were unofficial reports today that the grand jury this week would indict some of the minor figures in the kickback scandal.

Surces said that four businessmen and one public official would be indicted. Vice President Agnew's ap-

parent efforts to fight back were made public at about the same time that there was confirmation that the White House had cautioned at least one Republican Representative not to make hasty public statements about the investigation of the Vice President.

Representative John B. Anderson of Illinois, chairman of the House Republican Conference, said he had been admonished by Melvin R. Laird, President Nixon's chief White House adviser, to avoid public comment.

Anderson said he did not consider the call a "cabal" against Mr. Agnew, but the expression of "a desire to keep members of the Republican party from mak-

ing premature comments pending further investigation."

In announcing that Governor Mandel had agreed to offer assistance to Mr. Agnew, Mr. DeFilippo said that the Vice President first called the Maryland Governor on the evening of Aug. 6, the day Mr. Agnew first acknowledged publicly that he was under investigation.

The second call came after a news conference in which Mr. Mandel denied that he himself was under investigation and during which he said he considered the Vice President to be honest and a man of integrity. Mr. DeFilippo said.

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