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A New Job For Agnew

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The husband of actress Eva Gabor has come up a consultant's job for her old friend, Spiro T. Agnew. Frank Jamison, a North American Rockwell Corp. executive at the time he married Miss Gabor in September, confirmed yesterday that the former Vice President has been retained by a new company in Los Angeles called J-W Industries.

The firm has only been in existence "four or five months," Jameson said. It is engaged primarily in "international trade." He declined to give additional details or to divulge either the financial arrangements made with Agnew or the number of hours he will work.

Jameson is one of the owners of J-W Industries. The other is Leopold S. Wyler, chairman of the board of Tool Research and Engineering Corp., a government contractor which makes missile parts.

Jameson, who has left North American Rockwell, is now associated with Wyler in Tool Research, which is located at 9460 Wilshire Blvd. in Beverly Hills.

J-W Industries, which has no phone of its own, is located at the same address, according to Jameson. But the firm is "in no way connected" to Tool Research, he stressed. J-W Industries does "absolutely no business with the federal government," Jameson said.

A spokesman for Agnew's office here confirmed his new "consultant status" with Jameson "and a partner" but said he did not know the name of the company or salary information.

The aide, Maj. Gen. John Dunn, added that Agnew may take on other clients at a later date. "But that's

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like getting married," he noted, "you have to wait until your asked."

Dunn said that "as far as I know" Agnew has no present plans to move to California.

Jameson said that he and Wyler had decided to hire Agnew, not as "a handout," but because they consider him "a potentially valuable asset" in any area "not related to government."

"Ordinarily, I agree with the guy who said 'A friend in need is a pain in the ass,'" Jameson said. "That isn't true in Agnew's case, although I do consider him a dear friend."

Jameson's wife has been one of Agnew's most visible show business supporters. They met in Palm Springs, where she is a neighbor of Frank Sinatra's and one of his favorite people.

She gave a lavish Hollywood party for Agnew in 1972 that helped launch the "California Democrats for Nixon" drive. She was also one of the stars who appeared for him at the "salute to Ted Agnew" fundraiser in Baltimore.