

Agnew May Lose Guards

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Washington

The General Accounting Office notified the Treasury Department yesterday that after Sunday it will not allow any more payments for Secret Service agents assigned to former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

In a letter to Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz, Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats said the payments for the agents were not authorized under any law.

Agnew left for a vacation in Palm Springs, Calif., earlier in the week with an es-

cort of agents estimated at between 12 and 21 by a congressional critic of the practice, Representative John E. Moss (Dem-Calif.)

Moss has been asking Staats for several weeks to take action against the continued payment of govern-

ment expenditures.

The GAO has final authority over government expenditures. If any payments are made for the agents assigned to Agnew after Sunday the disbursing officer in the Treasury Department who makes them could be held personally responsible

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