Agnew's Royal Treatment

According to The Post of October 25, former Vice President Spiro Agnew has moved into offices across from the White House—offices traditionally reserved for the use of former Presidents. There, with four or five staff members, and at the taxpayers' expense, Agnew is organizing his papers for the archives.

I can't hellp wondering about this royal treatment of Agnew, a convicted lawbreaker, in light of the Gestapo-like seizure and sealing-off of the offices of two honorable law-enforcers, on orders of Commander-in-Chief Nixon. Neither Cox nor Richardson was convicted or even accused of any crimes whatsoever, yet they were treated as criminals and not even allowed to take personal materials with them when they were evicted by the FBI. Why Mr. Nixon thinks it is more important to seize the files of Cox and Richardson, and not those of tax-evader Agnew, puzzles me, especially since the circumstances under which Mr. Agnew resigned left many unanswered accusations of extortion and bribery, which his papers might conceivably have resolved.

Yet Cox is out, and Agnew is still in, blithely editing his own files without judicial supervision; one can only sorely remember the horrible spectre of President Richard Nixon paying less than \$900 in federal taxes because of his recent contributions of vice presidential papers to the archives, and hope that such an injustice will not be repeated.

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