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**Agnew Case Still Open**

ANNAPOLIS (AP)—The case of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is still open as far as Anne Arundel County State's Atty. Warren B. Duckett, Jr., is concerned.

Duckett said he has been in contact with United States Atty. George Beall, who led the Agnew investigation last year, and believes the county prosecutor's office has jurisdiction over the evidence.

"We feel our office is entitled to the evidence developed during the investigation," Duckett said. "We feel we must ourselves determine if prosecution is necessary."

Agnew resigned as vice president last October after pleading no contest to tax evasion charges developed by Beall's investigation. Allegations that Agnew accepted illegal kickbacks totaling \$87,500 were not pursued by the federal prosecutor.

Duckett said he wants access to the evidence in this area, but he added thus far Beall has refused to give up any information because some of the witnesses are still involved in testifying before grand juries.

"I don't want to go to war with the U.S. attorney's office," Duckett said, "but there may come a time when we might have to go before a federal judge to get that evidence."

Responding to Duckett's comments, Beall said that the evidence will not be turned over to local authorities until after the federal investigation has exhausted all leads.

Duckett has been under attack from Charles M. Carlson, his rival for the Democratic nomination for state's attorney, for "publicity seeking" and his failure to pursue the possibility that Agnew evaded state income tax.