

POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS LAID TO AGNEW UNIT

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WASHINGTON, July 9 (UPI) —The Justice Department is studying a series of "apparent violations" of campaign laws in 1972 and 1973 by the Americans for Agnew Committee.

The General Accounting Office's Federal Elections Division said today that the Los Angeles-based committee had operated without former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's approval and despite a demand by Mr. Agnew's office that it not use his name.

The G.A.O. said the committee operated in 1972 to seek support from Republican convention delegates for Mr. Agnew's renomination for Vice President and then in 1973 to collect funds to pay off leftover expenses from the previous year's efforts.

The committee collected \$43,929 and spent \$29,176 during an April 7, 1972, to June 10, 1973, audit by the G.A.O.

The committee, according to the G.A.O., apparently violated a Federal Election Campaign Act provision that requires notice be made in the solicitation material that the candidate does not endorse the soliciting effort. Also, the

agency said, the committee failed to keep adequate collection and disbursement records.