

A Grand Jury Investigation On Attica Revolt Is Ordered

Governor Rockefeller yesterday ordered a special grand jury investigation into the rebellion at the Attica Correctional Facility. Forty-three inmates and hostages died during and after the five-day prisoner revolt, which began last Sept. 9.

At the request of Wyoming County District Attorney Louis James, the Governor directed Attorney General Louis J. Lefkowitz to take over the investigation. Mr. Lefkowitz named Deputy Attorney General Robert Fischer to present evidence to a Special Grand Jury.

The Governor's directive was seen as the formalization of Mr. Fischer's investigation, which has been in progress since the end of the revolt on Sept. 13. Two other panels—a group headed by Robert McKay, dean of the New York University Law School, and another composed of legislators and appointees of the Governor—are also investigating the events at Attica.