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F.C.C. Man Says Agnew Misdirected Drug Attack

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 17 — Instead of attacking rock music for spreading a "drug culture" among youngsters, Vice President Agnew should worry about political contributors whose corporations sell drugs, cigarette and liquor, a Federal Communications Commission member said today.

Nicholas Johnson, a Democratic member of the commission, criticized the Vice President in a speech delivered here, coincidentally, while Mr. Agnew was on a private mission to New York, reportedly raising campaign funds on Wall Street.

Mr. Johnson said that the Vice President had misinterpreted the message of rock music writers and singers when he accused them of "brainwashing" youngsters in a Las Vegas political speech on Monday.

Mr. Agnew told Nevada Republicans that they should pay more attention to the song lyrics because rock music at its best is entertaining but "at its worst, it is blatant drug culture propagandists."

In a speech to foreign service officers of the United



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Vice President Agnew leaving Waldorf-Astoria last night

States Information Agency — work and stop worrying about the music." The commissioner recited lyrics of pop songs that warn youths away from hard drugs, such as Steppenwolf's "The

Pusher." He quoted others that, he said, were complaints about the chemical life style in America that have "stimulated the desire to escape."

What is needed, Mr. Johnson contended, is more money for urban aid, education, food programs, mass transit, welfare, job training and health care.

"The Vice President might better turn his attention to the corporate campaign contributors — of both parties — who finance their fat campaign donations with the profits they make from worthless or harmful drugs, and from cigarette and alcohol that first 'addict' and then kill hundreds of thousands of Americans a year," Mr. Johnson said.

Citing television commercials that urge people to go "up, up and away" or "get high on honey," Mr. Johnson said that television "teaches, with continuous, air-hammer effectiveness, the dangerous and debilitating lie that the solution to all life's problems and nagging anxieties can be found in a product—preferably one that is applied to the skin or taken into the body."

The Vice President flew to New York today on what his office described as a "personal trip" to meet with unidentified Wall Street executives and "put in a pitch for the Republican party."

One White House source said that Mr. Agnew was seeking financial assistance for C. Stanley Blair, the Republican gubernatorial nominee in Maryland.