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# U.S. Attorney's Letter to Agnew

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Following is the text of U.S. Attorney George Beall's letter to the Vice President's lawyer. Judah Best:

This office is now conducting an investigation of allegations concerning possible violations by your client and others of federal criminal statutes, including but not limited to Section 371 (conspiracy), Section 1951 (extortion), and Section 1952 (extortion and bribery) of Title 18, United States Code, and certain criminal provisions of the tax laws of the United States (Title 26, United States Code).

It is possible that your client may choose to cooperate with this investigation. It is, therefore, the purpose of this letter to invite your client, or his authorized representative, to produce and deliver to this office on either Tuesday, August 7, 1973, or Thursday, August 9, 1973, at 10:00 in the morning

or 2:00 in the afternoon, whichever is more convenient for your client, the following materials, to the extent that such materials are now in or under his actual constructive possession, dominion, or control:

(a) All bank statements, cancelled checks, check vouchers, check stubs, check books, deposit tickets, and savings account books (a copy of any active savings account book will be sufficient), for any and all checking and savings bank accounts in the United States and elsewhere in which your client has or had any beneficial interest or over which he has or had any control for the period January 1, 1967, to the present;

(b) Any and all retained copies of federal and state income tax returns for the period January 1, 1967, to the present.

I would appreciate your notifying

me personally, on or before Monday, August 6, 1973, as to whether or not your client chooses to accept the invitation tendered by this letter.

In view of the serious nature of the allegations now under investigation by this office, any production of materials by your client, or his authorized representative, pursuant to this invitation must be completely voluntary on his part. Your client should understand that under the Fifth Amendment to the United States Constitution, he has a right not to produce the requested materials if he believes that the materials might tend to incriminate him. He should also understand that, should he choose to produce materials, they could be used against him in a criminal case, should any charges be returned naming him as a defendant.

I await your reply.