

Probers Subpoena Agnew's Records

Baltimore

Federal investigators subpoenaed yesterday the records of Vice President Spiro Agnew's two-year administration as Governor of Maryland and "any and all" financial records dealing with his campaign for the governorship.

Morris Radoff, Maryland

state archivist, said that 130 boxes of letters, records and materials from the Agnew administration are in storage.

Federal investigators said that they will arrive Monday to begin studying the records.

The subpoena for Agnew's campaign records called for reports dating to Jan. 1, 1962, but Willard A. Morris, administrator of the state Board of Elections, said that the only campaign reports held by the state deal with Agnew's 1966 governorship campaign.

He said he is certain that the records from the 1962 election in which Agnew was elected county executive of Baltimore county had been destroyed.

Those records, which would have been under the supervision of county officials, were routinely destroyed, Morris said he had been told.

A county official, Charles Prior, said he had been directed by U.S. Attorney George Beall not to destroy any of the 1962 reports if any should remain.

The subpoena calling for the records dealing with Agnew's term as governor came as a surprise. Previously, the government had seemed to be narrowing its

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investigation to allegations that developers and consulting engineers made under-the-table payments to Agnew while he was Baltimore county executive.

The subpoena, which was

served on archivist Radoff by federal investigator Allan E. Campbell, read:

"You are hereby commanded to appear in the United States district court for the district of Maryland at 1111 North Calvert street in the city of Baltimore on

the 16th day of August, 1973, at 10:00 a.m. to testify before the grand jury and bring with you any and all records of any kind whatsoever in your actual or constructive possession that relates to or involves in any way Spiro T. Agnew and Jerome B. Wolff."

Wolff, a long time associate of Agnew's, was head of the state Road Department in Maryland while Agnew was governor. He also served for a time on Agnew's staff after he became

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vice president. He now heads a subsidiary of the J. E. Greiner Co., Inc., one of the engineering firms involved in the investigation.

Radoff, 68, who has been state archivist for 33 years, said it has been the custom in Maryland for out-going governors to leave their records intact. He said he did not know if Agnew had left all of his records. "I can't control that, the records are his," he said.

Meanwhile, an examination of the campaign records covered in the second subpoena showed that four widely known Maryland businessmen involved in the investigation of the vice president reported contributing \$15,000 for Agnew's 1966 campaign.

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The federal investigation thus broadened into the area of campaign contributions. Many of the principals involved in the investigation, including Agnew, have vigorously denied that their ac-

tions involved any illegal actions or other improprieties.

Campaign reports filed with the state government in Annapolis by Agnew show that he received \$15,000 total from I. H. Hammerman, Lester Matz, John C. Childs Sr. and J. Walter Jones, all widely known Maryland businessmen.

An examination of the records of Baltimore county — which Agnew headed during the four years before he was elected governor — showed that the engineering firm led by Matz and Childs received more than \$500,000 in consulting fees during this period.

The county records also showed that Wolff, who was mentioned in the federal subpoena for Agnew's records, received a total of \$174,632.74 in consulting fees from the county during the five-year period between when he left his position of assistant director of the Baltimore county Public Works Department and when he was appointed chairman of the state Roads Commission on March 1, 1967.

The records also indicated that on Aug. 6, 1970, Wolff received \$24,000 as a special consultant to the county on regional water needs. This fee was awarded to Wolff after he left Agnew's staff in Washington and had become president of Greiner Environmental Systems, Inc.

During the two-year period from July 1, 1970, to June 30, 1972, Greiner Environmental Systems received additional consulting fees of \$187,824.

The records further show that J.E. Greiner Co., the parent firm of Greiner Environmental Systems, Inc., received \$113,642 in consulting fees from Baltimore county between January 1962 and June 30, 1972. The J.E. Greiner Co. is considered one of the most politically potent in Maryland and has received millions of dollars in consultant fees from various branches of the state government since the end of World War II.