

# Agnew Prepares Defense

## Washington

Vice President Spiro T. Agnew returned from a long weekend in California yesterday while his attorneys worked on his defense against allegations that he was involved in a kickback scheme while governor of Maryland.

Agnew's lawyers met for most of the day yesterday to study further a request from the U.S. attorney's office in Baltimore that he turn over personal financial records for the period he was Bal-

timore county executive and then governor.

In Annapolis, three federal Treasury agents sorted through cartons of other records amassed while Agnew was governor in 1967 and 1968, including correspondence.

At the White House, a press spokesman said Agnew's lawyers had been in touch with the legal counsel's office on the case, but had not discussed the question of whether the vice president might claim executive privilege.

The Washington Star-News said reliable sources reported that four contractors had told federal prosecutors in Baltimore they made cash payments to Agnew in the hope of getting favored treatment in the awarding of government consulting contracts.

The Star-News said allegation of payoffs were made by Jerome B. Wolff, a aide to Agnew when he was governor, and Lester Matz and two other unidentified contracting officials. *United Press*