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**Expect Him to Give Financial
 Papers to Prosecutors—
 Investigation Continues**

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WASHINGTON, Aug. 13— Vice President Agnew's staff advisers here believe he will turn over his personal financial papers, as requested by Federal prosecutors, probably this week, Marsh Thompson, Mr. Agnew's press secretary, said today.

In Baltimore, where investigators continued their inquiry into corruption in Maryland's government contracting, official sources confirmed that Mr. Agnew's lawyers would meet with prosecutors in the United States Attorney's office in Baltimore tomorrow.

Sources close to Mr. Agnew were encouraging the speculation that the only reason for the Vice President's hesitation in handing over his bank records was that President Nixon

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had objected strenuously, in a nearly two-hour meeting, to such a forthright course.

Aides were sure, however, that Mr. Agnew would release the documents to the prosecutors promptly. "He said he's got nothing to hide," one Agnew adviser said. "That means he intends as soon as possible to produce both himself and the documents."

Notified of Inquiry

Mr. Agnew, a former county executive of Baltimore County and governor of Maryland in 1967 and 1968, was formally notified 11 days ago that he was under investigation for possible criminal violations, including bribery, extortion, tax fraud and conspiracy.

In a formal statement and a news conference last week, Mr. Agnew proclaimed his innocence and expressed assurance that he would be vindicated. He left it unclear, however, how he would respond to the investigation—whether, for example, he would claim a constitutional immunity from prosecution in office, such as President Nixon's lawyers have asserted in the Watergate case.

None of Mr. Agnew's several lawyers were responding to inquiries on this point today. Mr. Agnew himself, flying back to Washington from a golfing weekend with Frank Sinatra, the singer, in California, was unavailable.

Yet members of the permanent Agnew staff suggested that Mr. Agnew had never intended to claim any Vice-Presidential privilege, or to duck the prosecutors.

Advice From Staff

"I'm assuming Agnew's been talking to the lawyers over the weekend, and that they're all moving toward the provision of what's asked," said a ranking member of the Agnew circle. "I know that's the advice he's been getting from here. The staff in Washington has felt it's terribly important that the records be turned over as quickly as possible. It's been pretty much unanimous."

Mr. Agnew's friends have hinted strongly for most of the last week that the Vice President's inclination was always to make himself available for

questioning by prosecutor's and the press, but that President Nixon and the White House staff objected to such a contrast with Mr. Nixon's reaction to the Watergate scandal.

Again today, without quite stating that view, sources close to Mr. Agnew were enthusiastically quoting news reports to the same effect.

"Certainly everybody's been saying he was requested to handle it less forthrightly," said one Agnew aide, when asked about Mr. Agnew's meeting with Mr. Nixon last Tuesday.

A central question in media speculation has been whether Mr. Nixon objected that cooperation on Mr. Agnew's part would compromise the President's claim of executive privilege and an even broader right of silence in the Watergate case. Mr. Nixon's lawyers argued in court last week that a President was subject to criminal prosecution "only after he has been impeached, convicted and removed from office."

'Main Bone of Contention'

One Agnew adviser speculated today that the "main bone of contention" between Mr. Agnew and Mr. Nixon may have been precisely whether the Vice President should join that claim of immunity in office. "But the discussion found Agnew pretty determined in his view about holding a press conference and provision of documents," the adviser said.

Mr. Agnew described his meeting with Mr. Nixon the day before his news conference as "far-reaching," but disclosed none of the subject matter. He did volunteer, however, that the press conference was "my idea."

In Baltimore today, the Basco Corporation, a holding company that owns J. S. Greiner Company, issued a statement denying that it had knowingly bribed any officeholders.

"Basco and Greiner have carefully and thoroughly reviewed the business activities of Greiner and, to the best of their knowledge, Greiner never authorized or knowingly participated in any illegal payments to any public official in connection with its business," the statement said.

At Annapolis, agents of the

Internal Revenue Service began searching the records of the two-year administration of Mr. Agnew as governor.

The agents, who declined to identify themselves to newsmen or to allow themselves to be photographed at work, were not expected to finish the tedious work of searching 130 boxes of papers for several days.