

# Time Says Agnew to Be Indicted

New York

A third Maryland contractor has told the Justice Department he gave political kickbacks to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew and officials think "an indictment appears inevitable," possibly by next month, Time magazine reported yesterday.

In its current edition, Time also said that Agnew has asked White House lawyers to help prepare a constitutional argument that would prevent his going to trial in the near future.

A federal grand jury in Baltimore "is expected to vote in a indictment next month charging Agnew with, among other things, bribery and extortion," the magazine said.

Agnew, a former Baltimore county executive and governor of Maryland, has denied any wrongdoing.

Time quoted one Justice Department official in Washington as saying: "the department has no choice. At least three witnesses have told of diverting cash payments to Agnew. The evidence is so strong that the case must be taken to trial."

The magazine said the government now has three contractors in Maryland who apparently are prepared to testify that they paid extorted campaign contributions to Agnew. The latest man to come forward is identified as Allen I. Green, 49, president of a Maryland engineering firm.

Green is said to have told investigators that he gave kickbacks to Agnew about five times a year during his governorship and on a reduced scale after Agnew became vice president in 1969. Agnew was governor of Maryland from 1967-68.

Agnew, according to Time, has asked how he might adopt Mr. Nixon's own defense that a President, or in his case, a vice president, cannot be prosecuted until after he is impeached, convicted and removed from office.

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