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The federal grand jury investigating alleged kickbacks to political figures in Maryland heard testimony yesterday from five persons closely associated with Baltimore County Executive Dale Anderson.

Breaking its routine of holding only one session a week, the grand jury appeared to be trying to complete the Baltimore county phase of its investigation and then turn its attention to other matters, including those linked to Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

None of the information gathered by Federal prosecutors on alleged kickbacks to Agnew has yet been presented to the grand jury here.

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Sources have said that the U.S. attorney's office here would first try to indict Baltimore county officials before seeking permission from U.S. Attorney General Elliott Richardson to bring the Agnew case to the grand jury.

The U.S. attorney for Maryland, George Beall, said yesterday that the information compiled on Agnew during his tenure as Maryland governor and vice president may not be presented to a grand jury until after Labor Day.

The Grand Jury, which was empaneled here in January, initially concentrated on allegations that Baltimore county politicians — including Anderson — were receiving kickbacks from engineering and architectural firms doing business with the county.

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Since then, sources said, the investigation has spread to other parts of the state, now involves a host of political figures both Republican and Democratic, and encompasses the investigation of Agnew.

Anderson, a former Democratic national committeeman and leader of one of the nation's most successful suburban Democratic organizations, has acknowledged he is under investigation but has denied any wrongdoing.

Recently he revealed that he had used two of his top aides to solicit political contributions from firms doing business with the county, but maintained there was nothing illegal about the practice.

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