Justice's Man in the Leaks Case

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Attorney General Elliot L. Richardson has designated a Chicago prosecutor to represent the Justice Department in any court hearings on news leaks involving the investigation of Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

U.S. Attorney James Thompson will argue the department's case if U.S. District Judge Walter E. Hoffman order evidentiary hearings on Agnew's allegations, department spokesman Horace Webb said yesterday.

Webb said Thompson was brought into the case because Richardson felt the judg preferred to have the department represented by someone not previously involved and therefor not subject to questioning about leaks.

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