

Agnew Associates Named in U.S. Case

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The 40-page document released by the Justice Department yesterday detailing its case against Spiro T. Agnew also names four of Agnew's former associates who have been cooperating with federal prosecutors in the case.

The four former friends of Agnew—Maryland businessmen more accustomed to recognition as part of the state's establishment than being involved in scandal—are Jerome B. Wolff, I. H. (Bud) Hammerman, Lester Matz and Alan I. Green.

A fifth associate of Agnew is not named by the Justice Department but is called an "intermediary."

Here are sketches of the five Agnew associates:

Jerome Benjamin Wolff, 55, moved from Towson to Annapolis to Washington as Agnew, his political patron, rose from Baltimore County executive to governor of Maryland to Vice President. Wolff was the county's assistant director of public works, then chairman of the State Roads Commission and then a science adviser to the Vice President.

A Chicago-born lawyer and engineer, Wolff left the Vice President's staff in 1970 to become president of Greiner Environmental Systems Inc., a subsidiary of the J. E. Greiner Co.

The Justice Department said yesterday the extortion and bribery scheme devised by Agnew split the kickback money, with half going to Agnew while governor and one-fourth to Wolff.

The Justice Department exposition says that the other one-fourth of the extorted money went to **I. H. (Bud) Hammerman**, a millionaire mortgage banker from Baltimore.

Hammerman, 49, entered the family business, the S. L. Hammerman Organization Inc. started by his father, becoming its president in the mid-1960s when his father died.

A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Finance and a World War II veteran, Hammerman has been active in many Baltimore civic activities and was Agnew's campaign chairman in the 1966 gubernatorial race.

Hammerman has agreed to plead guilty to a federal

income tax charge, involving a possible jail term of up to three years.

Lester Matz, 49, is the third Agnew associate named by the Justice Department, which said Matz and another man delivered \$87,500 in cash in plain envelopes to Agnew in Towson, Annapolis and Washington between 1967 and 1972.

Matz is a partner in the civil engineering firm of Matz, Childs and Associates that is based in Towson. It did extensive work for the state of Maryland when Agnew was governor and has continued to have a large state business.

Matz recently was described by a county official as "a sort of Horatio Alger (character) who began making a bundle of money about 15 years ago."

Matz, like Wolff, has been assured that in return for his cooperation with the Agnew prosecution, his testimony will not be used against him at any later criminal trial.

Alan I. Green, is the other man that the Justice Department says helped deliver \$87,500 in cash to Agnew while he was county executive, governor and Vice President.

Green is head of the engineering firm of Green Associates Inc., another of Maryland's largest consulting firms. Green also has been a longtime friend of Agnew, who usually was a guest at Green's annual Christmas party.

Green, like Hammerman, has agreed to plead guilty to a tax charge involving a possible three-year prison term, the government said.