

# 'Governor Agnew' probe asked

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ANNAPOLIS (Md.) — The prosecutor of Anne Arundel County in Maryland has asked county grand jury members to consider investigating former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew's activities as governor.

Warren B. Duckett Jr., state attorney for the county, said yesterday he had instructed the jurors to give him their independent views next Tuesday. He said he gave them no recommen-

dation.

Duckett said federal prosecutors in Baltimore have provided him with a copy of their 40-page summary of evidence against Agnew that includes allegations of kickbacks from contractors while Agnew was governor. Duckett said he's not sure they will give him anything more even after their prosecutions are completed.

The prosecutor said there are four major considerations he is weighing in making his decision to investi-

gate Agnew: the national interest, the expenses involved, getting evidence and getting a fair trial. He did not specify the type of charges he was considering.

He said he will call the state's attorneys in Baltimore City and County to determine if they can cooperate in any possible investigation of Agnew.

Duckett said of Agnew's televised speech Monday night, "I found it totally unsatisfactory. It didn't answer any of the questions

that the American people have the right to ask."

Duckett said he has been getting calls and letters from across the state and nation urging him to undertake the additional prosecution.

"I don't know if the public would be served by months and months of trials and all the publicity and attention. The biggest question to be decided — even above guilt or innocence in this case — is what is in the national interest," Duckett said.