Maryland to Lay Off Agnew--For Now

Baltimore

State prosecutors have agreed to hold off any investigation of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew for now.

Baltimore city State's Attorney Milton Allen, Baltimore county State's Attorney Samuel Green and Anne Arundel county State's Attorney Warren Duckett met at the city courthouse yesterday morning and agreed not to pursue state investigations for the moment.

Agnew resigned as Vice President after pleading no contest to a federal charge of income tax evasion. The Justice Department also issued a statement in court outlining its case on alleged kickbacks in which Agnew was said to be involved.

Federal prosecutors indi-

cated that most of the alleged payoffs to Agnew took place either in Baltimore city, Baltimore county, where Agnew served as county executive until 1966, or in Annapolis in Anne Arundel county, where Agnew lived while governor of Maryland.

The local prosecutors issued a statement saying they would re-evaluate their position after U.S. Attorney George Beall completes his investigation involving the other principals in the Agnew case.

They said they are unanimous in wanting to require full disclosure of the facts at a later date in order to decide whether the facts warrant prosecution on the local level.

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