

Spiro's worth as lecturer

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WASHINGTON — Spiro T. Agnew is now worth twice as much on the lecture circuit, claims an agent who offered him a \$500,000 annual guarantee before he resigned as vice president.

Robert Walker, head of the American program bureau in Chesnut Hill, Mass., estimated that Agnew — who faces Internal Revenue debts, a court fine and attorney fees — can easily earn \$1 million for speaking engagements during the next year.

Walker, who runs one of the largest and most publicized agencies in the country has been trying to sign Agnew since 1971. He renewed his proposal last week, assuring Agnew's office that he is now "the hottest property in the business."

So far, there has been no reply from Agnew.

Walker is the agent who booked convicted Watergate conspirator James W. McCord Jr. for a two-month speaking tour that would have earned him \$80,000.