

Agnew Guard Is Removed By Treasury

The Treasury Department announced yesterday that it is terminating Secret Service protection of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew.

A department spokesman said the decision to end the protection detail for Agnew, which was to be implemented "before midnight" last night, was made by Treasury Secretary George P. Shultz with the knowledge of the White House and Agnew.

The decision came two days after Comptroller General Elmer B. Staats ordered that funds for Agnew's Secret Service protection be cut off effective today.

Staats' decision came in response to an inquiry to the General Accounting Office from Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif.) as to the legality of the protection. The GAO has authority to cut off expenditure of federal funds when it deems the expenditure improper.

The Treasury spokesman said the department still believes there is presidential authority for such protection.

The spokesman said there would be no attempt to recover from Agnew the costs of the protection already provided.