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# House-Hunting in Crofton

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Mrs. Spiro T. Agnew has been house-hunting in the \$70,000 price range in Crofton, Md., a suburban community in the Washington-Baltimore-Annapolis triangle.

Wearing a mink coat and matching mink hat, she showed up with two unidentified men on January 14 to inspect the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel at 1548 Eversham Place.

Crofton is a community planned around a championship, 200-acre, 18-hole golf course, which may explain the Agnew's interest.

The Daniels' house is on the golf course.

Although neighbors recognized Mrs. Agnew and leaked the news of her visit at the time, the Daniels tried to keep the Agnews' interest in their house a secret until the former Vice President and his wife had made up their minds.

Now someone else has bought the property and the Daniels confirm that it was Mrs. Agnew who looked. A "security man" inspected the premises the day before.

There have been reports in Maryland political circles for the last two weeks that the Agnews were looking

in the Crofton area. One other house they inspected was a rental property.

Since sources close to Agnew are convinced he is moving to California, there is speculation that the Maryland address may be a second home close to their children and members of their old "Saturday Night Gang" who have been their friends since they were newlyweds.

In the meantime, the Agnews' financial situation looks more promising since the disclosure last week that he is writing a novel.

Although Random House turned the manuscript down on its "literary merits," others were eager to publish Agnew's first attempt at fiction, once they learned of the project's existence.

Magazines and paperback book editors were calling Agnew's office frantically last week with offers.

When one major magazine phoned with an offer of \$30,000 for the text, sight unseen, an Agnew staffer said: "Get in line."

Agnew has taken all the offers under consideration and sent word: "We'll call you."

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