

Playboy to Print Agnew

New York

Playboy Press will publish the novel former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew is writing, Agnew's agent said yesterday.

The Playboy bid was one of five received for the work in progress. Pressed for financial details of the sale, the agent, Scott Meredith, said only that the price was more than \$50,000 and less than \$250,000.

He did not name the other bidders for the book, which was rejected last month by Random House.

He said movie rights to the book, billed as a story of international political intrigue involving a vice president of the U.S., are still open. Publication is tentatively set for early 1975, a Playboy Press spokesman said.

Serial rights to the book,

whose working title is "A Very Special Relationship," were sold earlier this month to Ladies Home Journal for a reported \$100,000.

Meredith said getting the book published was of special personal importance to Agnew, who resigned last October after pleading no contest to an income tax evasion charge. "It's important to him now to have a personal accomplishment. It

represents a challenge to him that he wants at this stage," he said.

Playboy Press is the book division of the Chicago-based Playboy magazine publishing empire.

Edward Kuhn Jr., the publisher's editorial director, said Agnew will get editorial assistance. He emphasized, however, that no ghost writer will be employed.

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