

## U.S. Probe of a Governor's Aides

New York

The office of U.S. Attorney George Beall in Baltimore is investigating information that close associates of Governor Marvin Mandel of Maryland received payoffs for selling jobs and judge-ships, according to sources close to the case.

The sources said that, while the investigation is not focused on Mandel at this time, chief investigator Barnett Skolnik had made it clear in several instances that the ultimate goal of the investigation is to determine whether Mandel shared in the alleged payoffs.

A man source of information against Mandel's associates was said to be Joel Kline, a Maryland entrepreneur who was a primary witness against N. Dale Anderson, the former executive of Baltimore county who was convicted last month on 32 counts of conspiracy, extortion and tax evasion.

Both Anderson and Mandel are Democrats.

Kline was reported to have told Beall's office that he had first-hand information about alleged payoffs to W. Dale Hess, a former

Maryland state legislator who served as a campaign adviser and fund-raiser for Mandel, and indirect knowledge concerning payments to other associates of the governor.

It was reported last week that Beall's office had notified Hess and Harry W. Rodgers III, another close friend and fund-raiser of Mandel, that they were under investigation.

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