

# How Agnew's Life Has Changed: No Limousine, but Some Comfort

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 10—The man who might have been President of the United States resides these days in a quiet Maryland subdivision and drives to work at a walk-up office in a suburban shopping center.

Spiro T. Agnew's life is not as humdrum as that might sound, but the excitement and trappings of power, which he knew in his five years a heartbeat away from the Presidency, are lacking now.

There are no black limousines at his beck and call, no police escorts, no Secret Service bodyguards, no smiling politicians eager to be seen with him. And though he still flies off to foreign capitals, it is as the representative of a private corporation seeking favors, not the vice President of a great country bestowing them.

He keeps busy with his duties at Pathlite, Inc., his consulting firm in Crofton, Md., and with settling into a new home in the Indian Hills development about 15 miles away in Arnold, Md., and playing tennis once or twice a week at the White-marsh Tennis and Recreation Center in Bowie (family membership, \$40 a year).

## Some Sort of Middleman

And while things could have been better for Mr. Agnew had he resisted the temptations of high office, things could be a whole lot worse for a man who pleaded no contest to tax evasion last October. He was given three years unsupervised probation and a \$10,000 fine.

Disbarred last May, Mr. Agnew apparently has gone into business as an international middleman of some kind. There is speculation that he arranges the exchange of goods and may be soliciting—as many entrepreneurs have been doing lately—the investment of Arab oil profits into Western undertakings.

Back in November, shortly after resigning, Mr. Agnew had been hired as a consultant for an international trading concern co-owned by a friend, a former aviation executive, Frank Jameson, who is the husband of the actress, Eva Gabor.

Several times in May, Mr. Agnew showed up in Athens, and was reported to have had talks with the Greek shipowner John S. Latsis.

Later it was disclosed—after he had received State Department help in canceling overseas appointments when his wife became ill—that his business was taking him to Iran, Kuwait, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Morocco and Portugal, around the Mediterranean and to the Pacific-area countries of Japan, Korea, Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia and the Philippines.

## Won't Discuss Business

Mr. Agnew has refused to discuss his business connection with reporters. He leased an office in a small complex of two-story brick office- and -shop buildings in the 10-year-old Colonial-style residential development of Crofton, just up Maryland Route 3 from Bowie.

The area in which Mr. Agnew chose to work and live is near the quickly appreciating waterfront around Annapolis and is

roughly equidistant—about 30 miles—from Washington and Baltimore.

His office rental has been reported at about \$6,500 a year. That is more than \$500 a month, but it is not among the highest office rentals in the Annapolis area.

Real estate people say Mr. Agnew's new home is worth about \$150,000, about half what he was paid when he sold his former house in Kenwood, the exclusive Montgomery County suburb of Washington. If the new house were on one of the area's many waterways, "it would cost a heck of a lot more," one realty man said.

Mr. Agnew's office is not obvious from the Crofton street on which the Village Green business complex fronts. It is at the rear of a rear building, a few steps from a parking area where Mr. Agnew parks his blue Mercury Marquis.

## Home Hidden by Trees

The Agnew home likewise is not prominent. It is at the end of a long driveway off Old Annapolis Road, which crosses Route 2 (Ritchie Highway) just north of U.S. Route 50. At the front of the driveway is one other new home. The Agnew house is sheltered from the road by dense trees.

Mr. Agnew's privacy at his office is guarded by his long-time secretary, Mary Ellen Warner.

"He's not talking to reporters," she told a newsman asking for an interview. She also turned away questions about Mr. Agnew's activities.

A plaque on the ground-level door to the only staircase up to Mr. Agnew's office reads "Pathlite, Inc." Records in Baltimore show it was incorporated June 24 with Mrs. Warner as sole owner, with 100,000 shares of stock having a par value of \$1 each.

A statement of purpose showed the corporation was set up for consulting, and to "own, manage and sell" property. Mrs. Warner refused to discuss this, and said of the name, "It doesn't mean anything special."

## He Plays Doubles

There were reports that Mr. Agnew was involved in the development of the nearby White-marsh Tennis and Recreation Center in Bowie last year. Its creator, the Lancer Corporation, is headed by William Berkshire, a former Secret Service agent assigned to Mr. Agnew when he was Vice President.

But Mr. Berkshire said in an interview that Mr. Agnew had nothing to do with the deal. The club was established in Bowie because a number of Lancer's stockholders live there, Mr. Berkshire said, and Mr. Agnew is "just a member" of the club.

Mr. Agnew usually plays doubles with his former staff members, such as C. D. Ward and John Damgard, or new associates, such as 31-year-old Colin McGowan, now involved with his father-in-law in Chesapeake Colony Homes, the developer of Indian Hills.

"His game is better than mine," Mr. Ward said.