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AGNEW BAGMAN FREE
PENDING HIS APPEAL

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BALTIMORE, Dec. 31—I. H. Hammerman, an admitted bagman for former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew, today was granted his freedom by a Federal judge pending an appeal of his 18-month jail sentence.

Mr. Hammerman, a Baltimore mortgage banker and land developer, was to have begun serving his term on Jan. 6.

He and Allen I. Green, a Maryland engineer, were sentenced Nov. 25, after pleading guilty to a charge of violating Federal tax laws by concealing kickbacks that were given to Mr. Agnew. Mr. Green was sentenced to 12 months in prison and each was ordered to pay a \$5,000 fine.

District Judge Joseph H. Young filed an order today allowing Mr. Hammerman to remain free on his own recognizance while his attorney appeals the sentence.

George Beall, United States Attorney for Maryland, and both defendants' attorneys had pleaded with a three judge panel to spare the men prison terms because of their cooperation with the prosecution of Mr. Agnew. He resigned the Vice-Presidency in 1973 after pleading no contest to a charge of tax evasion.

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