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The statements of two witnesses in the government investigations of former Vice President Spiro T. Agnew must be made public and the statements of two others must remain sealed, U.S. District Judge June Green has ruled.

The judge did not identify the witnesses involved and did not actually release the documents, instead giving the Justice Department five days to decide whether to appeal her ruling. Such an appeal is likely, according to attorneys in the case.

The two statements that must be kept secret are linked with on-going investigations and prosecutions in Maryland, Judge Green found. The other two are not linked to those probes and therefore can be released, she said.

Agnew pleaded guilty to income tax evasion. The witness statements being sought by two George Washington University law students in a Freedom of Information act case concern allegations of bribery against the former Vice President, and were made generally known by prosecutors at the time of Agnew's plea.