

Federal Judge Wants Agnew Investigated

Baltimore

The Justice Department was asked by a U.S. District judge yesterday to investigate whether former Vice President Spiro Agnew violated terms of probation imposed after he pleaded no contest to income tax evasion in 1973.

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen, who specified no date for the investigation to begin or for results to be reported to him, issued his request after a hearing on a civil suit filed by a Miami attorney seeking \$1 million in damages and revocation of Agnew's probation.

Paul Kramer, deputy U.S. attorney for Maryland, said the Justice Department would review the request but "there may be no investigation."

At the conclusion of yesterday's hour-long hearing, Thomsen declined to grant Florida lawyer Sam Polur's request for an order forcing Agnew to show cause why his probation should not be revoked.

U.S. District Judge Walter E. Hoffman had placed Agnew on three years unsupervised probation

on Oct. 10, 1973. One condition of the probation was that Agnew abide by all laws.

In his suit, Polur alleged that Agnew violated the federal Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, which requires federal officials to immediately turn over to the government any gifts received from foreign nations and valued at more than \$50.

Polur also alleged that Agnew's business dealings with the Arabs since he resigned the vice presidency have endangered the national interest and given foreign governments access to information gained while Agnew was a member of the National Security Council.

Judge Thomsen noted that although Agnew's three-year probation ends tomorrow, he remains in the court's jurisdiction for two more years because the maximum sentence he could have received was five years.

A spokesman at Agnew's office in Crofton, Md., said Agnew was unavailable for comment on Thomsen's action.

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