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## Inquiry Asked on Agnew Over Rules of Probation

BALTIMORE, Oct. 8 (AP)—A Federal District judge asked the Justice Department today to investigate to determine whether Spiro T. Agnew had violated the probation imposed when he was convicted of income tax evasion in 1973.

Judge Roszel C. Thomsen made the request after an hour's hearing on a civil suit filed by Sam Polur, a Miami lawyer, who is seeking \$1 million in damages and revocation of the former Vice President's probation.

Paul Kramer, deputy United States Attorney for Maryland, said that the matter would be reviewed by the department but added, "There may be no investigation."

Judge Thomsen, who set no deadline for the investigation, declined to grant Mr. Polur's request that he sign an order to force Mr. Agnew to show why the probation should not be revoked.

In the suit, Mr. Polur alleged that Mr. Agnew had violated Federal law after being placed on three years' unsupervised probation when he pleaded no contest to the tax charge on Oct. 10, 1973. The lawyer contended that Mr. Agnew had failed to obey the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, which requires Federal officials to turn over immediately to the Government gifts from foreign nations worth more than \$50.

The judge noted that although Mr. Agnew's three-year probation will end Sunday, he will remain under the court's jurisdiction for two more years because the maximum term he could have received was five years.

Mr. Agnew was not available for immediate comment, according to his office in Crofton, Md.