A Probe Of Agnew's Tax Returns

Washington

The Justice Department disclosed yesterday fn a U.S. District Court proceeding that the government is checking into former Vice President Spiro Agnew's income tax returns for 1973.

In what was described as a "routine audit" of the return filed by Agnew and his wife, Judy, the department said an agent of the Internal Revenue Service ran into unexpected difficulty with Agnew's lawyers when he asked for records essential to the audit.

Judge John Pratt ordered the law firm, Dickstein, Shapiro and Morin of Washington, to produce the documents they denied the agent.

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