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Agnew Says 'I Could Be Elected'

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Former Vice President Spiro Agnew said yesterday that he could probably be re-elected to public office but that he most likely will not seek a political comeback.

"I'm in possession of some information, which I won't disclose, that leads me to believe that I would be elected to office if I choose to seek it," Agnew said in an interview here.

He declined to say what office he had in mind and said that, at the age of 58, it is "very unlikely" he will return to politics.

But the politician-turned-novelist promised to unveil "a lot of surprises" in the next year or so when he completes a political memoir. Agnew's 1976 novel "The Canfield Decision" dealt with a crisis involving a fictional vice president.

His remarks yesterday were prompted by a Greek newspaper report quoting him as saying that he planned to resume his political career and that he was under contract with two television networks to do political commentary. Agnew said he had been misquoted in the Athens interview.

"I'm very satisfied with what I'm doing," he said here. "While I remain interested in political affairs, I have no desire to seek office again."

He said, however, he would be interested in writing a political column or doing television commentary once he finishes his memoirs.

Agnew was in Cairo on an overnight stopover en route from Athens to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. He said he had business ties in the Saudi capital, but declined to discuss them. His wife remained in Greece.

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