

## Mandel's parole request reheard by U.S. officials

Regional parole officers from Atlanta met as expected yesterday at two federal prison camps to rehear the early-parole requests of former Governor Marvin Mandel, Irvin Kovens, Harry W. Rodgers III, and W. Dale Hess.

A two-member panel listened to testimony from Mr. Hess at the prison facility at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

At the same time, Mr. Mandel, Mr. Rodgers and lawyers for Mr. Kovens met with parole officials at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida. Mr. Kovens was still in stable condition at the base hospital, where he has been hospitalized since Saturday. The men are serving three-year prison terms for political corruption.

Authorities declined to discuss yesterday's hearings.

The Southeast Regional Parole Commission will make its decision on the four men in coming weeks, and forward it to the U.S. Parole Commission in Washington, which last week put off making a decision in the case because some of the information they were considering was not made available to the inmates at the time of the initial hearing.