

1 I think we have to note also the cost of
2 campaigning to the candidates themselves which is, I think,
3 substantially increased when you cannot share campaign
4 costs as you can do when tickets are formed and there are
5 election levels merged.

6 Finally I would point out to you that on
7 November 9 the Maryland Association of Election Officials
8 notified us of their opposition to odd year elections,
9 I quote from that letter. "The Association wishes to
10 go on record as opposed to annual elections in view of
11 the intolerable administrative burden which this would
12 impose on the Boards of Supervisors of Elections through-
13 out the state and additional financial burden on the tax-
14 payers of the counties involved. Upon contacting the
15 various Boards, I find similar opposition to elections
16 three years out of every four for the same reason."

17 I think I have covered very quickly all the points I
18 wanted to make and, as I say, if there are any questions
19 about any allegations or statements I made that you would
20 like to have me document, I would be happy to do so. I
21 have the evidence if you will hear.