

of my State that I would make every effort to expand the industry of Maryland. Maryland is richly endowed with natural resources, but because these have not been utilized to maximum capacity, there remain pockets of underdevelopment in some areas of the State I want to encourage your organizations to take an active interest in industrial expansion. Some of it undoubtedly will come about in areas which are predominantly rural. I think you should be in a position to know about new industries which may be coming to your areas, and, more important, to be in a position to convince them that you can be of service. It seems to me, then, that you should participate actively in local economic development and planning. I know that you are vitally interested in the development of one of our greatest resources, the Potomac River. Harry Nuttle and John Asher, during the last session of our General Assembly, brought to Annapolis an interesting exhibit showing the vast potentialities of this historic river—in water supply, recreational benefits and hydroelectric power. I have asked our Department of Economic Development to collect and analyze as much factual information as possible about the development of this great waterway. I am told that some of your group have been asked about the hydroelectric potential of the river For several years, the Potomac River Committee of our Legislative Council has held hearings and are developing factual information for possible future legislation.

As I said before, one interest I had in coming here was to become better acquainted with your leaders and your problems. We in Maryland are proud of our rural electrification program. We are pleased with what REA has done in the past and have confidence in what it will do in the future. You may be assured of my support. I hope I may be able to be of assistance to you in your great undertaking.

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I want to take this occasion to talk to you a little bit about our economic development program. Strangely enough, I do not feel this is too inappropriate a subject for Columbus Day, as Columbus himself was interested—in a certain sense—in economic development

I have chosen to discuss this particular subject with you today here in Frederick for a number of reasons. In the first place, Frederick