

REMARKS, OPEN HOUSE, DORSETT MARINE
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It is a pleasure to be in Cambridge today to welcome this newest member of Maryland's growing industrial family. If I may, I would like to tell you just a few of the reasons why this handsome building, this important addition to our state's economy, gives me such a personal sense of pride and pleasure.

First, of course, as many of you know, the industrial expansion of Maryland has long been a chief concern of mine. During the early days of my administration we were able to add a professional staff of economic development specialists to our state government. For the past year, the Department of Economic Development has been hard at work, working hand-in-hand with community groups like the Cambridge Industrial Development Committee, to encourage new industries to locate in Maryland.

Speaking before a group in Frederick several months ago I used the term "catalyst" to describe the way in which our State Department of Economic Development can bring together the responsible leaders of a community with the representatives of industry.

To my mind, the decision of Dorsett Marine to move to Cambridge is a perfect example of this kind of function. Without the Cambridge Industrial Development Committee our State agency could have accomplished very little. And I hope that the aid and assistance of our State agency was of value to the Cambridge group in its negotiation with Dorsett Marine.

Another reason I am especially pleased (and I know I don't have to remind you here today of my own Eastern Shore origins) is that we have here a splendid example of a nationally-known industry utilizing one of the Eastern Shore's greatest natural resources—her many miles of waterways. Pleasure-boat and pleasure-boat building are "Maryland naturals!"

Third, and perhaps the most important of my reasons for being delighted with this turn of events, is the opportunity which Dorsett Marine will provide to many residents of Cambridge and Dorchester County to use their skills and experience . . . to be gainfully employed. For, as we all recognize, the nationwide unemployment figures are high and may be going higher before they level off and begin to decline.

Maryland, I am happy to say, is behind the national figures. And