

If the Department of Economic Development needs additional staff to perform this new function—which I suspect it will—I will see that the necessary funds are made available. These new duties will not, of course, change the Department's regular program. They will continue to help local economic development and tourist development groups with their programs; they will continue to promote Maryland's economic and recreational attractions; and they will continue their efforts to persuade desirable new industries to locate in our State. If any of you think that the Department of Economic Development might be able to assist you with your local developmental problems, all you have to do is get in touch with George Hubley in the State Office Building in Annapolis. He is the director of the Department of Economic Development, and you can be sure that he and his staff will do their best to help you.

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Ward Miller of the new Area Redevelopment Administration and all the other federal officials who have taken the time and trouble to come here today to participate in this conference. I understand that we are about the first state to have this sort of a meeting, and I want all of them to know that we are honored to have them and grateful for their cooperation and assistance.

Briefly and in summation, I want to say this to you: Each of us has an important job to do if we are to overcome the economic problems that confront us now and if we are to make certain that Maryland continues to be a part of the mainstream of American progress, as it has been throughout our history. The State of Maryland will do everything it properly can to help you; I am sure that you will do everything you can to help yourselves. Under these terms, I do not see how we can fail.

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I have asked you to come here today to discuss plans by which the State of Maryland hopes to offer its best service to the nation in its defense mobilization efforts and at the same time better the economic conditions of the citizens of the State.

In a message to the people of the United States recently, President Kennedy called upon all of us to make an all-out effort for preparedness, directing our attention to the tense international situation and to the