

You probably saw as you came in a map of the State on which we have marked off an area which we are calling the "Maryland Science-Industry Triangle." Behind me here is a symbolic representation of the idea of the Maryland Science-Industry Triangle. This area, fanning out from the Baltimore-Washington axis, represents one of the nation's most logical locations for science-based industry. The proximity of the federal government on the one hand, together with the Port of Baltimore and the traditional accessibility of Maryland to North, South and West, all combine to give the Maryland Science-Industry Triangle unique advantages for both research and development firms and science-based manufacturing industries. Naturally, this Science-Industry Triangle is not the only part of our State which provides a hospitable climate for space-age industry. Cumberland, in Western Maryland, has had a long association with highly technical industries.

Similarly, the increasing accessibility of the Eastern Shore, soon to be augmented by the Virginia Bridge-Tunnel facility, is causing industry to cast an appraising eye in that direction also. But, for today, let us concentrate our attention on the triangular area indicated on the map.

As I said at the outset, there is no doubt in my mind that the future of the State of Maryland is going to be increasingly tied to science and science-based industry. The area around Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties is already part of a complex which represents the country's fifth largest scientific community. The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, the Atomic Energy Commission, the National Institute of Health, the Operations Research Organization, Emerson Radio, ACF, Litton, Robodyne—these are only a few of the research and development activities, both public and private, which have established themselves in that area in the last few years. The National Bureau of Standards and the Environmental Health Facility of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare are among those coming in shortly. These institutions involve tens of millions of dollars in plant and equipment alone. And more and more of these organizations are arriving every year. The past decade, for example, saw research and development expenditures increase on a national basis by a phenomenal 678 per cent. Today the annual expenditure for research and development is about \$14 billion. Eight years from now it will be over \$22 billion.

Is it any wonder that I, as Governor of this State, want to make sure *that everything possible is done—and will be done—to hitch Maryland's wagon to this bright new star.* The advantages of an economy which is right in science-based facilities are almost too obvious to mention. In the