

not of an expressway nature. Some of it is dual, of course, and some of it is merely the first lane of an ultimate dual with pull lanes on the hills. I believe the Western Maryland region needs an expressway facility, a highway that can cut driving time and cut driving costs, a highway which will lift the region out of the classification of "depressed area."

The national administration has given much thought and already has taken steps to relieve the plight of our "depressed areas." Could not construction of an interstate expressway in the region be an additional step in this direction? Is not the economic potential of the region sufficient to warrant construction of an interstate expressway from Hancock west to Keyzers' Ridge and thence into Pennsylvania? Present Interstate Expressway 70, as you know, curves north at a point just east of Hancock and connects with the Pennsylvania Turnpike. It is my feeling that the Appalachian Region, and this includes the Appalachian Region of other states as well as that of Maryland, would be better served if Interstate 70 pierced Maryland and went north into Pennsylvania in the vicinity of Keyzers' Ridge. Besides being a sound location for such a road, it must be remembered that the Pennsylvania Turnpike tunnels are only single lane and not up to interstate standards. No such problem would be encountered on a Maryland route.

At an early moment, I intend to make my views on this matter known to the national administration. I will communicate with President Kennedy and ask if I can present our views to him or any division of the Administration he may designate. I am convinced that extension of the interstate into Allegany and Garrett counties would not only serve the motorists well, but also would give a valuable boost to the economy of the Appalachian Regions.

The human body is only as strong as its circulatory system. The same is true of a city, a state or a nation. The circulatory system of the Appalachian Region is weak. It needs attention fast. Let us do everything we can to see that the region gets the attention it needs. And let's do it now.

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I am most happy to be here today. This meeting has as its function the task of reporting on the progress of the Conference of Appala-