

The construction of this commercial building is another step in Towson's continuing march of progress.

I am grateful for the opportunity to take part in these ceremonies.

REMARKS, DEDICATION OF THE NEW WESTERN
ELECTRIC CORPORATION, REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS
AND ENGINEERING CENTER, COCKEYSVILLE

December 9, 1965

It is a genuine pleasure to me to be here today to take part in this ceremony in which we dedicate the new Regional Headquarters and Engineering Center of the Western Electric Company. It is most heartening and encouraging to me, as Governor of the State, to welcome a new facility to our growing Maryland industrial community.

It is particularly pleasing that the Western Electric Company, one of the world's leaders in scientific research and development, has chosen the Greater Baltimore Industrial Park for its new Regional Headquarters and Engineering Center. This indicates the confidence that this renowned organization has in the future of Maryland.

I assure you, officials of the Western Electric Company, that the state will continue to do everything possible to merit that confidence. Science-based and science-oriented industry has become one of the mainstays of our Maryland economy, and we are exerting every effort to make certain that the State continues to provide the facilities, the skills and the cultural climate that such industries require. I am certain that the Western Electric Company will be richly rewarded by selection of this site for their new headquarters and engineering center.

Maryland, including the Washington Metropolitan Area, is one of the world's most important research and science-industry complexes. The federal government is spending billions of dollars each year to support research and development. The State of Maryland is the base of many of these vast federal research facilities, such as the Atomic Energy Commission, the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Army Biological Laboratories, the David Taylor Model Basin, the National Bureau of Standards, and many others.

A congenial cultural and intellectual environment for the scientific