INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

The creation of formal and informal machinery for improved coordination in meeting the challenges of regional and subregional problems continued to occupy the attention of the chief executive during his second term. Highlights of action in this significant area were the creation of the Appalachian Regional Commission, the activities of the Potomac River Basin Advisory Committee, and the signing of the Susquehanna River Basin Compact. The development of feasible techniques for coordinating administration of activities involving planning, water and sewage expansion and numerous other functional problems required continuous effort. The State's role was frequently difficult as numerous constitutional, legal and political differences had to be resolved prior to effective action. Improvision, pioneering and willingness to make mistakes were necessary to achieve results.

REMARKS, GROUNDBREAKING—NEW ADDITION WASHINGTON SANITARY COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS

HYATTSVILLE

January 16, 1963

Members of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission and its staff, distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen:

This ceremony here today marks another important step forward in the effort which has been made over a period of many years by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to provide efficient and effective service to the people living in this area of Maryland. As Governor of the State, therefore, I am highly honored to be a part of the program.

This commission, created to serve the water and sewer needs of the suburban portions of Prince George's and Montgomery counties, has been a pioneer in the solution of problems of a regional nature by intergovernmental cooperation. And as such, it serves as a model for this kind of cooperation which will be needed more and more in the future as our State develops and becomes more highly urbanized.