

tributions of many persons, and time of course prevents my naming them all. Certainly, Mayor Griscorn's interest was important. So too was the support of Elmer Jackson, the editor of the Annapolis Evening Capital, and the cooperation of numerous other leaders of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

The two firms we welcome today depend largely on the talents of professionals in the fields of electrical, electronic, and mechanical engineering, physicists, statisticians, and specialists in propulsion, structures and aerodynamics. They are highly trained people, welcome in any community not only for their knowledge but for the contributions their backgrounds enable them to make to the civic, fraternal and social environment in which they live. They are particularly cognizant of the importance of education in today's space age. The presence here today of Joseph W. Alton, Jr., Anne Arundel's new County Executive under its modern charter form of government, is their assurance that the educational and other facilities of this county will keep abreast of the requirements of today's challenges. . . .

The basic function of Aeronautical Radio makes Annapolis the airlines communications center of the United States. In addition, Arnic Research Corporation plays a key role in the reliability of systems in our national space effort which literally reaches from here to the moon. We welcome you gentlemen and your companies. We welcome your several hundred employees. We are delighted that your contemplated two and one-third million dollars annual payroll will strengthen the local economy, and that your new 1.5 million dollar plant, with its 60,000 square feet of space, will add to the State's scientific capacity. In making you welcome, we are not unmindful of our responsibility as a State and Community to make your professional pursuits fruitful and your personal participation in community affairs rewarding. We will be calling upon you to help us enlarge and strengthen the scientific community that is growing apace in the Baltimore-Washington region.

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