

Q. Well, who or what Republican leaders from Washington may come over for the inaugural?

A. I can't tell you that any have accepted at this point. I know that we have gotten the invitations out not too long ago.

Q. Mr. Agnew, if you were to differentiate the tone that your administration will take when compared to the previous one, would you try to sum that up for us?

A. That is a very difficult question, but I do think that the tone of my administration will have to be a tone of realism, a tone of recognition that governmental services must be provided regardless of the fact that they cost money. And a tone of trying to do today what should be done today even though it's unpopular and may cost a little more, if the thinking of my advisers and my thinking is that it will save a lot of money later. I think sometimes we become penny-wise and pound-foolish in governmental expenditures. I also think we have got to put a lot more money in pay-as-you-go financing of capital improvements, and I will so recommend.

Q. Does that imply a criticism of the incumbent administration?

A. I wouldn't say a criticism in the sense that it's a hostile remark, no. But I would say that I think that I can do the job better than the incumbent administration, or I wouldn't be here.

Q. Mr. Agnew, I'm sure you're hopeful that the tax reform plan in Baltimore City will be resolved during your term of office. How long do you think it will be before it will actually be resolved?

A. I hope by February, if the tax reform plan goes through.

Q. Mr. Agnew, Mr. Burch at a press conference televised on Sunday seemed to imply that there has been some lack of communication between his office and yourself. Would you care to comment on that?

A. Well, I haven't talked with Mr. Burch. It is not because I'm not going to talk with him, it is simply that there have been the immediate problems of appointing the tax committee and the staff. We just haven't gotten around to that appointment yet. I haven't launched into any definitive action that affects his office. I might say that his office has possibly launched into some action that may affect mine.

Q. Do you refer to the prison examination?

A. Yes.