

challenge of a modern society that daily provides even more hazardous duty for the law enforcement officer.

It is my belief that the serious difficulties facing all of us in law enforcement are now being brought home to all levels of government and, more particularly, the public. We realize that we can no longer expect our police officers to work for remuneration that falls short of the pay for related fields. We finally understand that training and education are as essential in law enforcement as in other exacting professions. We now comprehend that the apprehension and successful prosecution of criminal offenders rests largely on police officers who must be familiar not only with the law concerning detection and arrest, but also with the law pertaining to all stages of the interrogation and procuring of evidence in preparation for trial. Attaining a degree of proficiency in these many areas is difficult and often requires personal sacrifice, yet increasingly it is evident that our law enforcement officers are meeting this challenge.

While progress has undoubtedly been made, all of us are cognizant of the necessity for a continual upgrading of both law enforcement personnel and facilities. At the same time all of us who are aware of the job that our police officers are doing should make every effort to inform the public of the high quality and integrity of our present police forces.

I congratulate you on your unselfish devotion to duty and willingness to protect the public under all circumstances, and pledge my full support to your efforts to increase the effectiveness of law enforcement officers in the future.

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There was no opening statement by the Governor.

Q. Governor, you were in New York this week, and I understand you were showing the Comptroller around. I wonder if you were confident that they were going to maintain our AAA bond rating, after meeting with Governor Rockefeller?

A. Oh yes, I think Maryland's credit is excellent. I was very glad to take the Comptroller up there and introduce him to those people I'd