

Miles has indicated that because of my reluctance to appoint someone for a long term of office of that age, he will withdraw and a substitute appointment will be made. That takes care of the age situation. As far as the geography is concerned, it wasn't the overriding consideration in my failure to reappoint Mrs. Williams, but it was a factor, particularly when the nominating committee of the school people indicated that the person I appointed was also a very highly regarded person. Mr. Sachs, I decided that, all matters considered, it was a wise appointment. These things were not compulsive as far as requiring me to turn down Mrs. Williams because of those specific points that I mentioned. They were persuasive factors.

Q. Governor, in line with appointments, as the result of elevation of Municipal Court Judge Hammerman to the Supreme Bench we have a vacancy on the Municipal Court of Baltimore. Have you received any recommendations from the bar association as yet?

A. No, I haven't, and I must confess that I have failed personally to check with the bar association and make sure that they want to recommend people for the Municipal Court. I don't know whether the State Bar would, I assume possibly the City Bar would, and I would like to have their recommendations and will get them as soon as possible. It may well be that my appointments secretary has already requested these lists, but I have no personal knowledge of it.

Q. Governor, still in line with appointments. Is any progress being made in search for a successor for Mr. Pepersack?

A. Yes, I talked to Judge Michaelson this morning and he indicated to me they have almost finished their interviewing for the Director of Corrections and would expect within the next week to have four or five recommendations to me for final selection.

Q. Did he indicate that any of the people who they are currently interviewing are Maryland people?

A. He didn't indicate that to me. I didn't talk with him about specifics on it, he simply said he would have his list for me. And, in regard to the correctional system, I might say that I'm very seriously concerned about the escape of the prisoner that had previously escaped and also about the problems at the House of Correction. And I'm consulting today with Acting Director of Correction, Mr. White, and Mr. Lally, my program executive in that area, at 5:00 p.m. to attempt to bring myself current with what apparently are continually increasing problems within our penal institutions.