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There was no opening statement by the Governor.

- Q. Governor, what do you want to do with all those lobbyists whose names have been submitted to the Attorney General's office? Do you think any kind of punishment should be meted out to them?
- A. No, but I think we should have a better system of handling lobbyists, and I expect to receive some suggestions in this regard from the Attorney General.
- Q. Do you think there should be some stiff penalties for these people who fail to file on time, or what should be done?
- A. I'm not sure I know enough about the alleged abuses that have taken place to state in any definition what kind of penalties I think should be applied. But I would be interested in receiving some expert opinion from the Attorney General in this regard, and I probably will discuss it with him later this week.
- Q. Just one more question along that line, Governor. Will the conversation with the Attorney General cover any other subjects or is this the only one?
- A. When I talk with the Attorney General, which is frequently, we generally touch on whatever happens to be timely at the moment. So I would guess it wouldn't be restricted to this subject.
- Q. Do you have any other subjects now in mind?
- A. Well, I'm continually interested in the correctional problem, and I would like to check again with him to see how that's progressing. And in that regard, I might say that I'm very concerned about the Sabillasville-Cullen reformatory situation, the allegations of those two young people that were reported yesterday. I expect to make an investigation into that situation, and I am considering making a personal trip to that institution sometime next week or the following week.
- Q. Does that raise questions of the possibility of your touring various State institutions of similar nature?
- A. Not necessarily. I can rely, I think, upon staff members, upon Mr. Lally to be my eyes in most of these instances. But this is such an abhorrent situation that I wanted to take a look at this institution.