

Rouse when he said: "We should always examine the optimums and forget about feasibility. It will compromise us soon enough. Let's look at what might be and be invigorated by it."

Individual imagination and private enterprise have shown the way. The State of Maryland and all its citizens shall benefit from the "instant" City of Columbia. As an individual, I applaud your success and as a Governor, I am stimulated and challenged by your example.

In conclusion, it gives me great pride to present this official flag of the State of Maryland to Mr. Fred Hittman, President and General Manager of Hittman Associates, as a token of the State's appreciation of its science-oriented industries. It is my hope that you shall fly this flag as a symbol of modern Maryland, a Maryland that is striving to blend the grace and charm of its tidewater tradition, the technological sophistication of Hittman Associates, and the dramatic excitement of Columbia to create a vital new image compatible with the aspirations and the abilities of the Space Age.

NEWS CONFERENCE

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OPENING STATEMENT BY THE GOVERNOR

Gentlemen, I've just returned from Howard County where we had a very interesting meeting with the county commissioners and the members of the General Assembly, all three of whom appeared. I apologize for my slight delay in being with you, but we were operating on a very tight schedule and that meeting took a little longer than we anticipated, as we got into some very definitive discussions of our efforts in the road sector.

I have nothing really new on roads except to say that the problem of funding our roads problem is certainly a difficult one. We are faced with this rise in construction costs of about 5 percent a year, which has put our six-year program behind two years. We're adopting this plan of spot improvements in the critical safety areas in an attempt to stave off the need to make overall revisions in the road system until we can fund what has to be done.

Mr. Wolff talked for quite a long time. He talked quite a while about the toll facilities. We're still investigating priorities in that re-