

A. No, I think there is a need for a State Treasurer. I think usually he's a man of banking experience, of fiscal experience. He's a man who lends financial stability to the executive team and has a great amount of prestige because of the position itself. I think we do need a State Treasurer.

Q. Governor, do you expect your minority leader to introduce a bill to implement that section of the Curlett report which would give you the authority to reorganize the executive department subject only to a veto of the Legislature?

A. I hadn't even thought about who would introduce the bill because I have discussed the contents of the reorganization with the majority leadership. In our approach to this legislative-executive cooperation, we want just that. We don't want to surprise the majority leadership. We want them to be aware of what we are developing. So far we have had excellent relationships, and I expect to continue them.

Q. Would you endorse the Curlett report? Would you accept it?

A. I haven't read it in its entirety because it was only delivered to me Saturday. But generally, the digest of the report that I received from Mr. Curlett seems to be in accordance with my thinking.

Q. Mr. Agnew, Senator James and Marvin Mandel yesterday said that you would no doubt enjoy an initial period of a honeymoon with the legislature. Are you going to take advantage of this bliss to push your most important legislative program first? In other words, aside from the Agnew-Hughes.

A. That's the general way it is done, but we're restricted by the fact that some of the programs would have to wait for constitutional reform and actual legislative reform. So how much of it we are going to be able to get through, I don't know. Frankly, I think, yes, there is a period of honeymoon in a new administration, when the election seems a long way off and everybody gets along well together. But on the other hand there have been instances in the past where a governor of one party has been able to work with a legislature of another party, and I don't see any reason based on my initial contacts with the majority leadership—and I don't just restrict that to Senator James and Speaker Mandel but to other members and heads of important committees or those who will be—I don't see any reason why we can't get along very well throughout the four years.