

Q. Well, you observed the Legislature. Did you think that lobbyists were by and large exerting improper pressure or do you think they were fulfilling what has been accepted as a normal task?

A. I didn't see any unusual pressures exerted during the last session of the Legislature. I didn't spend a great deal of time on the floor of either of the legislative bodies. I was a little busy with problems up here, but I didn't hear any reports of lobbyists exercising an undue degree of aggressiveness in any fashion.

Q. Governor, how do you like your floating home by now?

A. Well, I have slept in it two nights, and I slept pretty well.

Q. Is there really a roll in the harbor, Governor?

A. I haven't felt a thing.

NEWS RELEASE AND STATEMENT ON FEDERAL STUDY
OF HANDLING JUVENILE DELINQUENCY CASES IN
MARYLAND

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Governor Agnew released today a Federal study sharply critical of Maryland's handling of juvenile delinquency cases but noted that many of the recommendations are already being met through the new State Department of Juvenile Services.

"This is a report on a study that was requested by the 1966 Maryland Legislature when it created the new agency," Governor Agnew said. "It was conducted by the Children's Bureau of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare and was received by my office this week.

"The report is thorough and frank. We asked for facts and we got them.

"We find, for example, that Maryland's commitment rate of juveniles to institutions — 2.6 of every 1,000 children — is the highest in the nation along with Nebraska. The national average is 1.4 per 1,000.