

Q. You mentioned your relationship with the majority leadership. Have you had any consultation so far with the minority leadership?

A. Oh yes, I certainly have. Most of these people I know very well personally, and I'm in touch with them frequently.

Q. Mr. Agnew, how different is the job you have assigned Mr. Bresler from that held by Mr. Townsend until very recently?

A. Well, I would say the major difference is that it involves specific areas of full time responsibility.

Q. Are you saying that Mr. Townsend was not working full time?

A. I don't know whether he was or not. I don't think there was any requirement for him to work any particular hours because he was employed on a consultative basis, and I have never seen the guidelines of his endeavors laid down. It was very nebulous.

Q. One of his jobs was to represent the City of Baltimore shortly before he took a job with SBA. Do you feel that Baltimore still ought to have its own liaison man, or do you think Mr. Bresler will adequately do that?

A. I think Mr. Bresler will adequately represent the City, and I'm glad you brought this question up because it's been my feeling that the growing tendency of cities to go directly to the Federal government has come about because vacuums exist between the State and the Federal government. And if the State does the job adequately, I see no reason why the city should duplicate it. Also, I think it leaves the State in a position where it is not well informed when the City goes directly to the Federal government. Now, I know there are demonstration City projects and other programs, but the State should certainly involve itself in those programs. And when we were briefed at Senator Tydings' office recently, the representative from HUD told us that they preferred the State to be involved.

Q. Have you consulted with Mayor McKeldin about this area?

A. Not yet, no.

Q. Governor, recently within the Democratic State Senate there was a power play in which State Senator Malkus was replaced as head of the Senate Judiciary Committee by Senator Curran. Do you think this is an indication that some of your urban programs will go through a little easier in the Senate?