

A. I had a conference yesterday with Mr. Batterton, the head of the Juvenile Services Division, Dr. Gilbert Ware, my program executive in this area, and Mr. Lally, and I received reports about the Victor Cullen situation from Mr. Batterton. It would appear that some of the accusations that were leveled may have been slightly exaggerated. This does not indicate that I don't think the situation is something to worry about up there. We are sending people up there to look over the situation, and I hope to get up there myself at the earliest possible moment to make a personal inspection.

Q. Will you announce your visit beforehand?

A. No, when I go it will be unheralded. I would like to see the institution as it exists on a day to day basis, not as it would exist in preparation for my visit.

Q. I have in front of me the Philadelphia *Bulletin*, the story of last night that deals with Senator Dirksen almost getting ready, it says here, to jump up in the Senate and announce that the last two states have passed resolutions to call a Constitutional Convention to rule out, or try to modify, the one-man one-vote thing. This question has been asked of you several times before, but how closely are you watching the situation and how fast are you prepared to move, possibly, to call a special session of this Legislature?

A. We're not watching it as closely as we should, I don't think, and I guess if there's any validity to that article you mentioned, we had better watch it a little closer. I'm not really able to tell you at the moment, and I suppose I should be able to, exactly where that thing stands. But I'm going to look into it since you have jogged my memory. I'm very interested in seeing that we do everything we can to make another effort to remove Maryland from the list of states that are calling for that Federal Constitutional Convention, if the matter becomes critical.

Q. Why?

A. Because I believe that at this time, under the pressures of the country, I believe that no good can come out of that Federal Constitutional Convention. And I would hate to see Maryland, a State that's operated so well under reapportionment, change to another system of representation. Certainly, nobody can quarrel with the fact that we had a productive legislative session, and none of the rural counties that I have been into in the past couple months have any complaint about being discriminated against by virtue of reapportionment. It