

"The objectives of this administration are to provide necessary governmental services to our citizens at the lowest possible cost," Governor Agnew said.

"I am sure that you are already aware of my feelings that all State programs must be reevaluated in terms of efficiency to see that a dollar's worth of value is received for every tax dollar expended.

"You also are familiar with the study being undertaken by the Task Force on Modern Management (a unit operating out of the Governor's office) to improve the administration and organization of the State government.

"At my request the budget analysts and program executives from my staff will ask you to rigorously rejustify all expenditures through that study and through the regular budget process.

"I am holding you personally responsible for uncovering all areas of inefficiency, waste and duplication in your department and submitting a 1968-1969 budget which is minimum, consistent with our joint responsibility to the citizens of Maryland."

The Governor's Task Force on Modern Management will begin its detailed review of State government operations this week with an initial questionnaire to each department head designed to develop information on the cost and effectiveness of each program in operation in the State.

The Governor has pledged to cut back on State spending in every area where it can't be fully justified and to eliminate overlapping functions which may now exist among the many State agencies.

TRANSCRIPT OF JOINT PRESS CONFERENCE WITH
ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF
THE NAACP, FOLLOWING THEIR MEETING
IN ANNAPOLIS

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GOVERNOR AGNEW:

Let me say at the outset, ladies and gentlemen, that I consider it somewhat unfortunate that the visit Mr. Roy Wilkins has paid the State of Maryland at my request — the request having been made some four weeks ago or better — comes starkly outlined against the backdrop of the recent violence in Newark and Plainfield, N.J. To