

This weekend the Annapolis Chamber of Commerce has again prepared an engaging schedule of activities to stimulate the mind and clam delicacies to tempt the palate — a combination which has in the past won this celebration national recognition as one of America's twenty top festivals.

As you linger to enjoy the exhibits, I am sure you will share my appreciation of the imaginative efforts in behalf of this festival put forth by our State Departments of Chesapeake Bay Affairs, Forests and Parks, Game and Inland Fish, Water Resources and Economic Development.

Finally, I would like to extend a special word of welcome to the many food editors from Maryland and other states who have been invited to the Clam Festival as guests of the Department of Chesapeake Bay Affairs. I know that Mr. Gordon Hallock, of the Department's Seafood Market Development Division, has planned a vigorous culinary schedule for you, so that when you return home you will have sampled the full spectrum of our Bay's bounty served with Maryland's most treasured ingredient — *Tidewater hospitality*.

With this in mind, I open the festival with a warm welcome to all and high hopes for the most festive of clam festivals ever!

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#### STATEMENT ON POLITICAL PLANS FOR 1970

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On Monday of this week a Baltimore newspaper published a report that I have told close friends and advisers I have "definitely decided not to seek a second term in office." My first inclination was to ignore this item. But since then the impression has become prevalent that it was a clear statement of intention from me. To avoid any further inquiries, I would like to set the record straight.

Any speculation about my political future, after seven months of a four-year term, is at best premature. I don't know myself how I will feel in 1970 toward a second term or how voters may regard the performance of my administration. That is a judgment for the future.

It is true with most people who set their sights high that there are disappointments at not being able to achieve some particular goal immediately. I have had a few such disappointments and I'm sure I