

have reflected them to friends. But these are far outweighed by a sense of accomplishment.

I am extremely gratified at the progress we have made to date — in such areas as tax reform, where property taxes have already been stabilized and the burden of government has been more equitably distributed among all citizens; in air and water pollution control where the preliminary steps we have taken indicate that Maryland will become a leader in the nation; in reform of our State prison system, which has just been started; in the streamlining of the executive branch of government to make it more efficient and more economical; in the long-range efforts to secure equal rights for all of our citizens and to eliminate, as far as government can, the shame of unjust discrimination that leaves too many of them a burden on the State and their community.

In all of these areas, and in others too numerous to mention here, there remain the challenges that I undertook when I asked the people of Maryland to elect me as their Governor last fall. I welcome these challenges, and others that arise on an almost daily basis. I don't intend to quit short of seeing them accomplished, and I will not concern myself until a much later date about whether I will or will not seek a second term as Governor.

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#### NEWS RELEASE AND STATEMENT ON REGIONAL DETENTION CENTERS

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Governor Agnew announced today that the State is considering establishing a series of regional detention centers in cooperation with local governments as a replacement for outmoded, overcrowded county jails.

The idea developed from a visit by the Governor to Charles County this summer. During a discussion of local-State problems, Charles County Commissioners proposed that a tri-county jail be established to serve Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties.

The Governor said that Joseph G. Cannon, Maryland's new Commissioner of Correction, has explored the proposal with officials of these counties and also with representatives of the Federal Bureau of Prisons.