

Q. Have you had any recent talks with Governor Rockefeller, speaking of candidates?

A. Yes, I had a talk with Governor Rockefeller on the phone, I think it was two days ago, when I approached him to see whether it would be possible to get any foundation money to support operation CHAMP or a continuation of operation CHAMP in the City. And now that that is on the table, I would like to make a public appeal to the private citizens of Baltimore and of Maryland and to industries and business, to assist in any way they can in an effort that's shortly to be announced, to allow operation CHAMP, the recreational program in the impacted areas of the City, to continue through the summer even though the Federal funds have been cut off.

Q. Did you talk any politics?

A. Well, no, we really didn't. The Governor told me he was closeted at the time I spoke with him with certain leadership people in the New York Constitutional Convention, and I didn't have a chance to talk politics.

Q. Were you encouraged with any of his recent statements, or discouraged?

A. I'm not encouraged or discouraged by anything he said, but I'm greatly encouraged by the reaction of the recent polls and the way people are beginning to talk about the Rockefeller candidacy.

Q. Do you feel vindicated by these polls?

A. No, I don't feel vindicated. I just think that what was obvious is now being published.

Q. Do you think Governor Rockefeller's chances have been enhanced by the recent difficulties Governor Romney has encountered, most notably the brainwashing incident?

A. No, I don't think that affects Governor Rockefeller, because he's an outright supporter of Governor Romney. If he weren't, I would say probably, yes.

Q. Well, politically and popularly have his chances improved?

A. Well, I think his popularity is going up all the time.

Q. Did you get any encouragement from him with regard to getting funds for operation CHAMP?