

A. He put me in touch with Mr. Dana Creel who is the director of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund. I had a long conversation with Mr. Creel asking him to suggest foundations who may be interested in this operation CHAMP. He made one suggestion — I don't want to mention the particular foundation — but I made the information available to Mr. Cahan who is interested in this effort and he has been in touch with the foundation involved. What the result has been, I haven't been able to find out yet.

Q. Governor, the House Public Works Committee this afternoon announced that it has approved the three Bay bridges and a second Harbor tunnel crossing. What effect if any will this have on the timing of the construction of these projects?

A. Well, I don't think it will have any effect on what we had laid down as a timetable to try to bring this bond issue into being early next year. Had it been delayed, it may have had an effect.

Q. Governor, Dr. Sensenbaugh told a Constitutional Convention committee that he was in favor of two years of free public higher education for Maryland.

A. That's hard to fight, isn't it?

Q. Are you endorsing it?

A. I'm endorsing it in principle, but I'm saying I don't think it's a realistic target for the next two or three years, because frankly the needs of the State and its existing commitments to education are such that I can't visualize the kind of money being made available to do this within the next few years.

Q. On the same subject, Governor, would you be in favor of a constitutional prohibition against spending public money for denominational education youth centers?

A. I don't think it belongs in a constitution. I think the Constitution in its sections that relate to the fact that we cannot prefer one religion over another one, that the government has to treat all people equally, that everybody is entitled to equal protection of the law, covers this very well. And it is not necessary to spell it out, particularly with regard to any subject matter.

Q. Governor, you have your own investigation. The City, however, is conducting its own investigation into the Commissioner Pomerleau matter. Will the results of the City investigation affect your decision in any way?