

Now, Congressman Long is raising again the question of my former ownership of this property in an effort to drag a red herring across the path of my efforts to discharge my duties to the people as Governor of Maryland.

I ask him the still unanswered question that I posed to him last fall: What has he done about disposing of the property he acquired after his election and still holds near a Federal reservation in Harford County, in his own congressional district? This property is only two miles away from a large military installation. At the time Long acquired it he was a member of the House Armed Services Committee and had superior knowledge of the expansion of that facility because of his position in the Armed Services Sub-Committee on Military Construction.

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LETTER SUGGESTING JOINT STATE-FEDERAL  
DEVELOPMENT OF ASSATEAGUE ISLAND

October 5, 1967

Honorable Stewart L. Udall  
Secretary of the Interior  
Washington, D. C.  
Dear Secretary Udall:

Recently it has come to my attention that there are differences in approach by the Federal and State authorities in the planning and operation of the Assateague State Park and the Assateague National Seashore. I am very much concerned that the objectives of the National Park Service in the development of the Seashore may create possible conflicts with the objectives of the State of Maryland in the developing of Assateague State Park.

It has also come to my attention that the Department of the Interior is contemplating purchasing the State holdings on Assateague Island. Of course, there has been no official correspondence on this point. I would like to request you to clarify the matter. If the Department of the Interior is indeed interested in acquiring Maryland's holdings, are sufficient funds immediately available for the purpose? Or, when might the Department have sufficient acquisition funds?

As you know, Assateague State Park was authorized by the General Assembly of Maryland in 1959, and the State has proceeded to acquire and develop this park. More than \$2,000,000 has been obligated to date