

Q. Governor, the Baltimore School Board found no basis for these charges. Do you feel that they were lax in their duties?

A. No, I don't think they were lax in their duties, and I am not sure that they really indicated in their report that they found the charges, as such, baseless. I think what they said was they found no conduct that would support any type of criminal action. I think the school authorities are just as concerned as I about this general breakdown in discipline, and I am certain that they will cooperate.

Q. Governor, how widespread is this breakdown of discipline?

A. Well, I'm sure it's a widespread thing. The reports that I have indicate that it's just all over the State. It's not restricted to any one area. It's not restricted to urban centers. It's all over.

Q. Where are the reports coming from, Governor, the school authorities and the parents?

A. The reports that I get are informally rendered, people don't specifically seek me out to give me the information. The reports come from people with whom I talk in the course of a day, at social functions in the evening, or wherever I may be. It seems that it's unusual that at least a couple of times a week I don't have someone voicing a concern over this general breakdown in discipline.

For consultation and planning I have asked State school officials and officers concerned with problems of delinquency in law enforcement to meet with Mr. McCabe, my program executive in the areas of correction and delinquency crime generally, so that they may be briefed on what information we have — which, incidentally, I want to make completely clear is very sketchy in general at this point — and so that they can recommend some courses of action that may be taken.

Q. Governor, you met yesterday with Ronald Reagan from California, and may have had discussions which had to do with the Baltimore City investigation. Would you care to comment on the scope of your discussions and what developed?

A. I can't, as I indicated, without prejudicing the investigation; I can't talk about it. The only thing I can indicate is that I'm satisfied with the cooperative efforts of the Federal, State and local officials presently involved in the investigation.

Q. Governor, in College Park today the University of Maryland students announced an effort on campus in an attempt to get a greater student voice in various university policies. What's your philosophy on student involvement in campus rule making?