

talked to one single delegate asking him for his vote on any single issue in exchange for any favor implied or expressed. I've kept hands off this Convention. I started out to do it, and I've done it.

Q. How about your staff?

A. The same way. The only way my staff would have any effect would be to relay promises from me, and I have forbidden that.

Q. Governor, under whose authority were the State policemen used the other night to bring delegates to Annapolis to break the tie vote on the Board of Public Works?

A. I just don't even know that happened.

Q. Senator Malkus released the news.

A. I didn't know that happened, so it wasn't under my authority.

Q. Who could have done it?

A. Well, I don't know the circumstances, so you can't expect me to respond to a question that I've just heard about for the first time without knowing the circumstances of how they were delivered, why they were brought.

Q. As a general policy, though, do you think State troopers ought to be used for transportation of delegates to the Convention?

A. Not as a general policy, no; but I think there could be instances where it could be warranted. I think the Legislature uses State police for transportation under certain circumstances. I don't quarrel with that. I certainly use the State police for transportation, and I can see that conditions might arise where the delegates might need transportation. But generally speaking, I don't think that there is any great abuse of this.

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## NEWS RELEASE AND STATEMENT ON STUDY OF DRUG ABUSE AND CONTROL

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Governor Agnew announced today that the Federal government is providing an additional \$45,000 to continue a study of drug abuse and control in Maryland that may serve as a pilot project for the country.

The grant from the National Institute of Mental Health will enable the Maryland Commission on Problems of Drug Addiction to study in greater depth some of the findings it has already made.