

A. Well, I know that Congressman Mathias and Congressman Morton are very close friends, and I know they collaborate frequently in their Congressional responsibilities. It's unreasonable to believe that a primary could develop between them, but the Republican Party in the State has taken the position that when they finally determine between them which one is going to seek the Senate seat, the announcement will probably come from them. I think all I need say at this point is that I think either one of them would be an excellent candidate.

Q. Which one do you feel is the stronger candidate?

A. I have no comment on that at this time.

Q. Do you think Senator McCarthy's candidacy will help or hurt the Republicans next year?

A. That's a difficult thing to assess. Senator McCarthy's candidacy in my judgement is really a stalking horse candidacy for Senator Kennedy. Even the Senator himself, the Senator from Wisconsin, has made this clear in his rather devious handling of probes in this direction. If Senator Kennedy does in fact enter the Presidential race, I think he'll have a very profound effect on the President's chances for reelection, and I think the effect would generally be an adverse one.

Q. I would like to correct you, Governor, the Senator from Minnesota.

A. Excuse me, Minnesota. I'm sorry.

Q. There was a Senator from Wisconsin, Governor.

A. I was reading about his problems just the other day.

Q. Governor, the Hughes Committee recently adopted this report on business taxation, and the formula for distribution of the additional State aid, the original formula, was rejected by the committee because objectively it was too generous to Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

A. Now, which one are you referring to, school aid or police protection?

Q. The whole package as a total: the rebate on the State property tax, police aid and the various things that were to be included in the package. When it came out Paul Cooper said that this particular formula is the fairest one or the best one for distribution. And it turned out that Montgomery and Prince George's counties got what