

size nudge in that direction. The job has certainly become one that you don't look at very frivolously.

Q. What about the Favorite Son states? Do you plan for your organization to contact Pennsylvania or Ohio?

A. We've got a lot of — this organization will attempt to do everything possible to advance the potential Rockefeller candidacy. And you know that there are some states that are well along in the definitive process of selecting their delegates to the National Convention. There are other states that haven't done anything. For example, Maryland meets, the Republican Convention is on June 8, and the members of various county state central committees will at that point elect delegates to the National Convention. Twenty-six delegates — two from each Congressional District and 10 at-large — two mandated delegates, of course, under our rules are the Governor and the State Chairman. Other states are well along, as I've indicated, in their selective process; and I would assume that this headquarters and draft movements around the country will begin to concentrate on delegates who have already been selected.

Q. Governor, as regards to the funding of this headquarters, has there been any approximate estimate in regard to how much money?

A. No, there has not, Mr. DeSilva, but I will say this — that I don't envisage this particular effort as being a very expensive proposition. We don't need an elaborate front-type of headquarters with a lot of feverish activity. What we really need is efficiency and the people who can grind out the letters, and can handle the telephones and get the job of contact among the local committees best accomplished.

Q. Governor, is there any other office anywhere in the country that is doing this kind of thing?

A. Not to my knowledge. Not to my knowledge.

STATEMENT ON NELSON COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE MEDICAID PROGRAM

March 19, 1968

The Nelson Committee report is highly critical of my failure to provide a tax increase this year, the many millions of dollars necessary to maintain a full Medicaid-Medicare program in the face of runaway costs. I applaud their dedication to first class health services. But it