

viously I am not going to assume the obligation of directing the Commissioner in each facet of his everyday work as Commissioner of Police of Baltimore City.

Q. Do you think that this would indicate then, Governor, that the Mayor should have control over the Police Commissioner?

A. Oh, I've said that, and I've said I want to see that control transferred very shortly to the Mayor.

Q. Governor, the Commissioner said that he was occupied in Annapolis yesterday.

A. Well he wasn't occupied with me. He may very well have been occupied in Annapolis. I didn't see him.

Q. Governor, if you had been the Police Commissioner and knew about the meeting, would you have attended it? (Laughter.)

A. I can't really answer that question. I am sure that any meeting held by a group of elected officials is a meeting that an appointed official should attend if he possibly can, but I don't know the circumstances of the Commissioner's failure to attend — whether some emergency prevented it. I can't make a judgment or an analysis because I don't know all the facts surrounding his failure to attend.

Q. Do you know or have you asked whether the Commissioner met with any people in the Legislature yesterday?

A. I don't know and I haven't asked. As a matter of fact, until you mentioned it just now, I didn't even know he was in Annapolis or had been asked to meet with anyone.

Q. That was the point, Governor, nobody knew he was here.

Q. Governor, if we could get away from Baltimore City for a moment, could you tell us whether the office that's just been opened yesterday here in Annapolis — for the national campaign for Governor Rockefeller for President — is to be a national operating office or is this to be a sort of a "braintrust" office with the operations run from New York City or some larger center?

A. Well, if the Governor announces, and I understand that today — at 2 o'clock — is the moment of decision, and that's less than a half an hour away, this office will then take on strictly an ancillary or secondary importance in his campaign effort. I am certain that we will want to keep this office running — we'll want to keep the volunteer organizations interested and active but the primary impetus for the campaign will be directed elsewhere.