

A. Well, I wouldn't want to second guess Commissioner Pomerleau. I think he's one of the most efficient police officers I've ever encountered, and I have heard nothing but praise for the way he handled himself during the Baltimore situation. I'd like to add my public commendation and approbation to the work done by the Baltimore City police and the firemen who certainly did a fantastic job of containing a very difficult situation — to the State Police and to the National Guard.

Q. (Interruption.) Governor, in the aftermath of the riot, do you see any need for a special session to help the City of Baltimore?

A. I don't see any immediate need for a special session. We've been embarked on a course of attempting to help the City of Baltimore, that began soon after I took office, in the tax reform program and the additional money that went to Baltimore that year which consisted of some, as I recall, \$48 millions of additional money. We're trying as hard as we can to recognize the urban problem and help Baltimore; to help the entire State in the areas of redress to conditions of poverty and despair. I think the course that we've charted is a good course and a logical one and not one that we should necessarily amend, abandon, or in any way affect simply because of an incident or a series of incidents stimulated in the main part by people who don't believe in proper law and order.

(Request for Federal Aid to City)

Q. This morning at the Morris Mechanic Theatre Mayor D'Alesandro said that he was pressing ahead by requesting the Federal government to again declare Baltimore a disaster area. He was cognizant of your previous statement on this and said that he felt that if by application you kept up constant pressure, you might have some luck. Do you have any second thoughts about this?

A. Oh no, I'm interested in doing what we can in this regard, and as you have said, we are taking as many steps as we can to get the maximum possible assistance for the innocent people who have been damaged in the disturbances. So I will work with the Mayor — I want to say this — *that in spite of the Mayor's disagreement with me over the course that I took last Thursday I still continue to have a great regard and respect for the Mayor, and we have talked since that time and we are not at odds with each other.* I'm interested in doing whatever I can to make his administration a success.