

that he do — he and the other members of the Alumni Association — everything within their power to assist in bringing this late afternoon meeting about. We haven't reached him yet. We're trying to reach him now.

I want to emphasize that this meeting is at my own initiative and is brought about by a fervent hope that the attitudes at the College have not crystallized to the point that we cannot, in a dispassionate and objective fashion, discuss the problems that have caused the outbreak of the demonstrations there in the last few days.

Questions and Answers

Q. Are you ordering any increase in the peace force down there?

A. No, General Gelston is in control of the tactical situation along with Colonel Lally and, of course, the Guard has not been ordered into Somerset County. Colonel Lally is technically in charge of that particular situation but because of the state of emergency and the activation of certain parts of the militia in the Salisbury area, General Gelston is participating in the tactical decisions. As of this moment the involvement is basically as it has been up to now.

Q. What was that meeting about several months ago?

A. It was about conditions at the College and the budget — the capital budget — the desire for the recreational facility extension — certain observations about curricula — a general desire to be recognized to a greater extent by the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland. There were about six people who appeared; each one selected a different subject matter and the presentations were really outstanding, I thought. We met for nearly an hour in the outside room here.

Q. Governor, are there any State Police or National Guardsmen in Princess Anne now?

A. I think there are State Police there but I'm not sure of the exact number.

Mr. Thompson: Yes; they've been having some demonstrations there yesterday or last night in the town of Princess Anne. The College is outside.

Q. Governor, would you term this a Bowie State type of situation?

A. No, I wouldn't term it that at this stage because this demonstration was triggered by a non-college oriented incident more than