

(Favorite Son Role)

Q. Does this indicate, Governor, that you have shifted your position and now favor Nixon over Rockefeller?

A. No, I'm still very independent and at this point I am intending to go as a Favorite Son to the convention. As I have indicated before, this may change at any time in the future because we are in a very rapidly developing political climate at the moment; but at the moment I am uncommitted.

(Republican National Convention)

Q. Governor, do you think that the candidate will be selected on the first ballot in Miami?

A. Most people seem to think that the Kennedy assassination has put so much of a brake on active campaigning in both parties that there is little likelihood that people will go to the convention in a fully open situation. I don't know whether I entirely agree with that conclusion or not, but I do think that certainly the enthusiasm for the traditional American mix-it type of campaign has been greatly diminished by this tragic occurrence — the death of Senator Kennedy, one of the principal candidates.

(Goldstein Meeting and Revenue Picture)

Q. Governor, as a result of your talks with Mr. Goldstein and vice versa, the Comptroller of the City of Baltimore seems to be under the impression that there is a windfall coming to the City of a piggy-back type. Can you comment on this?

A. Well, I think one of the main things that Mr. Goldstein and I discussed, that may have been lost in the enthusiasm of our remarks to each other, was that there is apparently a great substantial change in the percentage of local share reflected in his report of May 27 when contrasted with his report of February 18. Consistently up until the May 27 report the local share is estimated at one-sixth — roughly one-sixth. After that on May 27 the local share seems to be estimated at well over one-quarter or a couple of points over one-quarter. Now there is no explanation in the May 27th report why the amount going to local governments should suddenly increase so radically, and when you apply the figures — the estimates of the gross revenue, taking out the increase in local share — you find you've just about got the amount that we're short. So there is a suspicion at least that the reason we're short is that the amount that has to be paid to local governments was misestimated up until the May 27th report.