

versation with him, which was just the morning I appointed him, he indicated he did feel in some ways these laws could be tightened up, but not in such a manner of reaction that we are simply going to go out and cure the sickness in this country, the emotional sickness that sweeps it through directing regulation to one object, to wit, a gun.

Mr. Broder: Governor Agnew, to what extent is your shift of attitude toward Governor Rockefeller, vs. Mr. Nixon, related to Mr. Nixon's recent expressions of interest in you as a possible running mate?

Governor Agnew: To no extent whatsoever. Because if you will look back in the chronology, you will see that the shift of attitude that I have had occurred long before that mention. As a matter of fact, Mr. Nixon has made no suggestions or commitments to me in our conversations, and pragmatically I know very well that a state the size of Maryland is a very difficult state to become important enough to be utilized in a close election to select a vice presidential candidate.

Mr. Broder: Would you like to be Vice President?

Governor Agnew: I am not sure. Sometimes I find it very difficult just to be Governor. I would have to think about that.

Mr. Broder: How will you decide when to yield your favorite-son nomination and let Maryland go where it wants to go?

Governor Agnew: I think that will depend on my discussions with the various delegates to the convention, my own analysis, which I hope they will take some cognizance of, concerning the situation generally, and my discourse with other governors and other public officials, elected officials.

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### Questions and Answers (National Politics)

Q. Governor, an effort was launched in Baltimore this morning to try to enlist some support for Governor Reagan among the Republican delegates when they are selected this Saturday. What do you think of the Reagan effort here in Maryland?

A. First, I've rarely heard of any concerted effort for Governor Reagan here. Of course, as I have indicated previously, my position is that