we are going to try to be very flexible. I intend to go to the convention as of this moment as a Favorite Son. That hasn't changed, and I welcome efforts of any qualified Republican candidate in the State. So we'll just have to see how things shape up.

Q. You have no idea of how successful their effort might be?

A. I haven't had any indications of a heavy Reagan effort in the State as of this time.

Q. Any indications of a strong Reagan support in the State?

A. I have no indications of it. No.

Q. Governor, have you been instrumental in establishing the Nixon Headquarters here in Annapolis?

A. I have had no part in it.

(On the National Scene)

Q. Governor, it has been reported by some people at the Southern Governors' Conference that there is a fear among some of the politicians down there that George Wallace may take a heavy vote in the South. Do you have this fear?

A. I don't know — I can't analyze the situation in the Southern states. But I do know that what you say is true, that among the Southern governors there is a feeling that Mr. Wallace is going to run rather strongly in some of the Southern states. And I might say that two of the governors attended Mr. Wallace's press conference down there and I think they are actively supporting him. Three actually — Governor Brewer, the new Governor of Alabama, Governor John Bell Williams of Mississippi, and Governor Maddox — all actively and openly support Governor Wallace, and this has got to give some strength there.

(Civil Rights and Civil Disobedience)

Q. Governor, when you were in Tulsa you made a statement that you thought Richard Nixon would be more forceful in handling racial matters than had the President. Would you explain that please?

A. Well, I didn't say that. I didn't say anything about racial matters. I indicated that I thought Mr. Nixon would be more forceful in handling the problems of civil disobedience in this country and they aren't necessarily restricted to racial matters. There's quite a bit of student disobedience of a civil nature that isn't involved in any