

(Baltimore Police Commissioner)

Q. Governor, about a year ago, you and Mayor D'Alesandro agreed that the Police Commissioner should be transferred from under the Governor to under the Mayor of Baltimore. Have any steps been taken to implement that?

A. No. I am perfectly willing to consider legislation in that regard this year, but the latest utterances of the City Solicitor make me wonder whether there hasn't been a change in opinion when he indicated — in connection with the studies on the riot situation — that he thought it was a State matter. I want to touch base with the Mayor and see whether he would like us to go forward with the transfer of the Police Authority ultimately to the City or whether he wouldn't. But I am a little confused about the statements of Solicitor Russell that it is a State matter, because I don't know whether that means he thinks it should be or not. Apparently he did think it should be.

(City Jobs Program)

Q. Governor, you have asked the department heads in the State to take up some employees the City can't use. Do you expect a great response from this?

A. I am not sure — I have had no report about what type of response we have had to that. I know there has been some response, but how great it has been I am not certain.

Q. Why could not the City use those employees?

A. Well, I am not certain of the answer to that question. I guess you'll have to ask the Mayor.

(Revenues, Resumed)

Q. Governor, do you have any rough indication you can give us as to where this \$11 or \$12 million will be cut from?

A. Well, I think it is safe to assume that a great amount of it is going to come from major agencies because where the bigger the budget is the bigger the dollar amount that a particular percentile cut would yield. But I'd rather wait until I have the figures, which I promise to try to have at the next press conference, before I specify exactly where these cuts will be. I do want to emphasize that these are the cuts that the departments themselves — the agencies — say they can live within and these are not any cuts imposed by the Executive Department.