

REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF CONSTRUCTION
PROJECTS AT BOWIE STATE COLLEGE

September 6, 1968

I have received from Ed Mester, Executive Secretary of the Board of Trustees of State Colleges, a detailed report on the progress of construction projects at Bowie State College. A total of \$578,491 has been spent or been committed for these projects and I want to commend the Board and George Lewis of the Department of Public Improvements for their outstanding efforts in getting this project moving.

Some of the major work that has been accomplished includes the following:

- (1) Repairs to the sewage treatment plant have been completed and the plant is now working effectively.
- (2) Sixteen mobile housing units have been brought to the campus to accommodate 120 students who were formerly housed in Tubman Hall.
- (3) A contract has been let for renovation of Tubman Hall.
- (4) Some 80% of the work on curbs, roads, and drainage has been completed and the remainder will be completed in the near future.
- (5) The monies spent or committed also include \$111,000 for the renovation and partial demolition of Banneker Hall.

I would like to add that \$245,000 of the money spent or committed came from reversions from other State colleges which were diverted to this most important project. As I said in April, we cannot instantly overcome many years of neglect, but I believe this indicates that this administration is determined to do everything possible through orderly process to bring quality education and facilities to every State institution of higher learning.

NEWS RELEASE ON OPERATING ECONOMY SURVEY

September 11, 1968

Governor Agnew today signed an Executive Order which authorizes a group of industrial and business leaders to conduct a thorough study of State government operations.