

1 moving in the direction that actually my thinking goes,
2 that I feel is essential for us to be aware of, before
3 we come up with a final product.

4 Mr. Thompson, do you have any comment on that?

5 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I would like the
6 opportunity to comment, prior to expressing a few thoughts,
7 I should like to express my gratitude for the kind words
8 of introduction at the commencement of this meeting.

9 I would agree with you, Mr. Chairman, on the
10 importance and even the necessity of having a complete
11 analysis of the forms of government which I think will be
12 helpful to ascertain from the start the extent of the
13 analysis which is intended and also the amount of time
14 which is available within which to prepare such an analysis.

15 I would say that there are some studies avail-
16 able in addition to those that were mentioned by Professor
17 Burdett and by Mr. Ratchford which may be of assistance on
18 the municipal side. There is, for example, a study under
19 way in Wicomico County to determine what the best form of
20 government is for the City of Salisbury, vis-a-vis, the
21 county.