

1 MR. ENEY: As I think Dick started to mention,
2 he and I, for many years, as you know, have been advocating
3 that all purely tax collecting functions ought to be in
4 one body or one official so that you could get some system
5 of checking one against the other. This is partly done,
6 certainly it is a whole lot more than it was 25 or 30
7 years ago. I take it from what you say that you would
8 feel that the Comptroller, or the Chief Fiscal Officer,
9 by whatever title he is known, even if he had known of
10 the purely tax collecting functions, if these were put in
11 a separate board or department, you would still feel that
12 the Chief Fiscal Officer, if his duties were just those of
13 what they were 30 years ago should still be an elected
14 official, independent of the Governor?

15 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Absolutely.

16 MR. ENEY: So you don't tie that in in any way
17 to the tax collecting function?

18 MR. GOLDSTEIN: The fact you had the tax col-
19 lecting function in the Comptroller's Office and you had
20 access to these top people, it makes your job of revenue
21 estimating much easier because you are in contact with