

1           them daily. I am in contact with Ben Morris, Englebert,  
2           people who handle the general funds every day.

3                   MR. ENEY: Even though they account to you like  
4           clerks of the court do now, the general impression I had  
5           was that your chief reason for saying that the Comptroller  
6           ought to be, or the Chief Fiscal Officer ought to be  
7           independent, and elected is not because he is the tax  
8           collecting officer, but because he is a member of the  
9           Board of Revenue Estimates, and he is a member of the  
10          Board of Public Works?

11                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is right.

12                   MR. ENEY: He does have the power to supervise  
13          the other revenue collecting functions?

14                   MR. GOLDSTEIN: That is right. He is the voice  
15          of the people. He represents the people.

16                   THE CHAIRMAN: Along that same line, Louie,  
17          and this is really not meant to be a loaded question,  
18          and if you don't want to answer it, quite all right, but  
19          a lot of times, in theory at least it is said that the  
20          collector of revenues should not be an elected official,  
21          because it exposes him, and therefore, the system to undue