

1       suppose you had a Democrat governor-elect and a Democratic  
2       Attorney General-elect, but a Republican Comptroller-  
3       elect. With the vast number of people employed in the  
4       tax collecting functions, wouldn't this give an oppor-  
5       tunity for an ambitious Comptroller, member of the  
6       minority party to build up a political machine by means  
7       of appointments, even the merit system employees in these  
8       various cases?

9               MR. GOLDSTEIN: No, sir. Under our merit sys-  
10       tem, they take an examination and are qualified. The  
11       list is certified to the Director of Hiring Personnel  
12       downstairs or upstairs in this case.

13              MR. ENEY: Would there be a pressure on such  
14       official to try to get as many Republicans appointed to  
15       the Income Tax Department or the Sales Tax Department or  
16       whatnot?

17              MR. GOLDSTEIN: All I can tell you is based on  
18       experience. We don't hire people based on religion,  
19       politics, what strata of society they belong to, but on  
20       their ability to do the job, regardless of race, creed,  
21       or color or national origin.