

1 should itself be a function of the General Assembly rather
2 than a function of the Executive Branch. I wonder if
3 you would comment on that.

4 The second question --

5 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Let's take one at a time. You
6 are Mr. Brooks, are you not?

7 MR. BROOKS: That is right.

8 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Mr. Brooks, some States have
9 that, but they still have elected Comptroller. I think
10 Louisiana has that system you are talking about. The
11 Legislature elects the Auditor and he in turn checks on
12 the governor's expenditures. They still have the elected
13 Comptroller. The fact is, here in Maryland we have had
14 this system. It has worked. The State is a very progres-
15 sive State. Naturally, we have to change with the times,
16 to meet the challenge of the '60's. The 21st Century
17 will soon be here. Here are the facts on paper showing
18 a fantastic growth from a \$14 million budget to a budget
19 of this year \$1 billion. We haven't had any scandals.
20 Money has been safe. The money has been expended in the
21 proper fashion, to give the people the services. Our