

1 operations of any agency, you can always find things to
2 criticize. I don't think that this is categorically
3 true, that there is no such thing as finding everything
4 perfect.

5 Now, if you involve this function of the post-
6 audit into any kind of a political situation, I think
7 you really will get hassling and wrangling in that situa-
8 tion, which is to a large extent avoided today in Maryland
9 by having the Auditor as a man who is professionally
10 qualified to do the work of any certified public account-
11 ant, as the man responsible for, directly responsible for
12 the immediate auditing practice. You could have some
13 kind of a departmental setup where the Auditor as a
14 separate official would come into a departmental context,
15 but he would have to have independence.

16 MR. ENEY: Lou, tell us why you think the Chief
17 Fiscal Officer, assuming he should be elected, why
18 should he be elected directly by the people instead of
19 the Legislature? Why do you feel it should be the people
20 rather than the Legislature?

21 MR. GOLDSTEIN: Why? I believe I have given you