

1 Maryland is you have the State Auditor appointed, but
2 all of his staff are merit system people, who are career
3 people and learn as they go about their duties a tremen-
4 dous amount about the governmental structure and about
5 how it works and the intricacies of it and what is the pri-
6 mary concern of each agency, which I think would be lack-
7 ing if you did this on a contract basis.

8 Now, in a second factor dealing with a contract
9 basis, in local subdivisions, which actually put out a
10 bid, in other words, select the low bidder to do an audit
11 job, they have a pretty -- and I will go off the record
12 here --

13 (Discussion off the record.)

14 MR. NOSSEL: In the present type of audit, you
15 can go in and find nothing major wrong in any agency.
16 In other words, they are performing in accordance with the
17 stated function of the office, and nobody has their hands
18 in the till, but there are still many minor points,
19 relatively minor, that deserve some criticism, that
20 this doesn't have the kind of controls on it that it
21 should have, or this may be on a borderline as being

~~within the meaning of a certain Section of the Code.~~