

1 the President of the Senate take over in the event of the
2 death of the Governor.

3 MR. ENEY: I wasn't thinking so much of death
4 or disability but absence either from the State or from
5 the country. There is no provision now for anyone to
6 exercise the functions of the Governor in the event of his
7 absence.

8 MAYOR McKELDIN: I don't think it has worked
9 to any disadvantage up to this time. I know of no case
10 where it has worked to a disadvantage in the absence of
11 the Governor.

12 No matter where the Governor is, he can always
13 be reached over the telephone, no matter where you are.

14 They called me in Tokyo when I was a Special
15 Ambassador a few months ago.

16 MR. ENEY: You have had the experience both as
17 Governor and as Mayor of Baltimore City, and you do have
18 such a provision for an Acting Mayor in your absence, so
19 the contrast might give you some particular insight. Would
20 you care to comment further?

21 MAYOR McKELDIN: Yes. Of course, the Acting