

1 that would meet with their approval. I think you would
2 be doing a great service to the State, yes.

3 MR.ENEY: Well, if you didn't abolish coun-
4 ties and the City of Baltimore and their separate political
5 subdivisions but created some form of metropolitan auth-
6 ority for the Baltimore City area embracing Baltimore City,
7 Baltimore County, part of Harford County or all of it,
8 Howard County and Anne Arundel County, would you favor
9 giving such a metropolitan authority full power or merely
10 advisory power?

11 MAYOR MCKELDIN: Of course, that's a very
12 broad question that I couldn't answer right off, but in
13 principle, I would be in favor of that. It would have to
14 be worked out, but in principle, I would be in favor of
15 that. I think there should be such an authority that could
16 embrace them and have a like a county government over five
17 or six of us. I think it would be much better for us.

18 JUDGE ADKINS: Which would replace the existing

19 MAYOR MCKELDIN: County governments.

20 JUDGE ADKINS: -- County and City governments.

21 MAYOR MCKELDIN: No, it wouldn't replace them,