

1 MR. RATCHFORD: Actually, in Maryland, it's  
2 funny, but many of the small cities, real small, 250  
3 people, 200, perform a wide range of municipal services  
4 to their citizens and they are very vital. I am thinking  
5 of towns on the Eastern Shore, particularly towns like  
6 Millington with 300 people, Galena with 250 people, who  
7 operate sewage plants, water plants, plan zoning, because  
8 they are predominantly in rural counties and they are the  
9 only ones who can do it.

10 On the other hand, the larger towns in Maryland,  
11 such as frequently found in Prince Georges --

12 THE CHAIRMAN: College Park, for example.

13 MR. RATCHFORD: And College Park, for example,  
14 provide nothing and these are the ones that could perform  
15 services, whereas the small towns on the Eastern Shore  
16 carry on the full brunt of local government because there  
17 the counties are more oriented to health and education and  
18 so on. So, primarily, one of our weaknesses with classi-  
19 fication in Maryland is that it doesn't mean anything,  
20 because if you classify all cities over 15,000 as having  
21 important functions, half of those have no function,