

1 the credit setup, it's going to have some kind of effect,  
 2 and I agree we should have some clear appreciation of what  
 3 change -- and I am thinking in terms of specifics, what  
 4 change would actually come about and affect bond issues  
 5 of Prince Georges, if all of a sudden we took the metro-  
 6 politan area around Washington and moved it over and con-  
 7 solidated it with the metropolitan area of Montgomery and  
 8 then took the remainder of Prince Georges and tied it into  
 9 Charles County.

10 It seems to me that you would get a right clear  
 11 change in the credit in back of the bond issue, and cer-  
 12 tainly as to whether or not you would assign it to the  
 13 metropolitan or to the rural division that I am speaking  
 14 of there, or what exactly you would do with it, how you  
 15 would handle that particular question.

16 MR. RATCHFORD: I think it is an interesting  
 17 one, but I doubt if it is insurmountable. It wasn't when  
 18 Nashville and Davidson Counties were consolidated. It was  
 19 a problem, but they handled it because the city had bonds,  
 20 the county had bonds and now they have one government  
 21 responsible for both bonds. It would be a tricky one,