

1 Along that line, Mr. Ratchford, what comment
2 might you have?

3 MR. RATCHFORD: Well, I think, as far as the
4 counties are concerned, two studies are out that are
5 current and reasonably useful and both of these Dr.
6 Burdett is very well familiar with. One is a study by
7 Jean Spencer entitled Contemporary Local Government in
8 Maryland, published by the Bureau of Governmental Research
9 of the University of Maryland. The other is a study which
10 the University did for Harford County entitled Govern-
11 mental Alternatives to Harford County. While the second
12 one is directed to Harford County, they do include a
13 section on the administration of contemporary local govern-
14 ment.

15 I think, between these two, most of the infor-
16 mation is there in as much detail as the Committee would
17 wish to go into; the type of structural organization as
18 well as the home rule.

19 THE CHAIRMAN: And how recent is that study?

20 MR. RATCHFORD: That one -- when was that pub-
21 lished? In October?