

1 MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I might say I am
2 certain Mr. Ratchford is capable of enlarging considerably
3 on this very brief remark, that I think the Maryland
4 Municipal League and I also believe that Mr. Ratchford's
5 organization are contacted and asked quite frequently
6 by the State and by the government to appoint members to
7 various State committees. So that, in some sense, I
8 believe the two organization, and I say this in the
9 broadest sense, I think may be regarded as quasi-governmental
10 in a sense, and in that way, I think, to answer your ques-
11 tion, what does Maryland do, it does that, in the sense
12 of having contact with local government.

13 MR. RATCHFORD: The university has also been a
14 great help to the cities and counties.

15 THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. Burdett, what can be done
16 along this line?

17 DR. BURDETT: The University has now what is
18 known as the Maryland Technical Advisory Service which
19 renders assistance to any city or any county upon its
20 request on matters of ordinance, codification, administra-
21 tive organization and planning, project arrangements which