

1 I'm going to talk about you.

2 MR. CHARLES L. BENTON: Go ahead.

3 MR. RENNIE: I want to talk about your predecessor,
4 Herb Fallon. Everybody knows what a power Herb Fallon was
5 and it was talked of as Herb Fallon's budget, not the
6 Mayor's or the Board of Estimates' budget. It was Herb
7 Fallon's budget, over the years, and now it's becoming
8 Mr. Benton's budget. Now, this is Baltimore City.

9 I have always particularly fought to stay away
10 from this. Mr. Kirkman told me this when I first came into
11 the office, and I just reiterated it the other day; he
12 said, Rennie, we are working for the Governor. We are the
13 Governor's staff, the only staff he has, really, at that
14 time. Now, he has expanded his own office a little bit.
15 If you can't be loyal to the Governor -- he didn't say it
16 in so many words, -- but get the hell out. You could just
17 about hear Walter telling it to me, and I've always taken
18 the attitude, be it Democrat or Republican, I try to keep
19 my name in the background as much as I possibly can.

20 I've never craved publicity, you know this, over
21 the years. When McKeldin was first Governor, he started