

1 the view that the City would be agreeable to relinquishing
2 the equivalent amounts of State grants, if necessary, to
3 effect the type of adjustment recommended.

4 "Anyone who has studied the method of financing our
5 court systems would reach the inescapable conclusion that
6 we have a "hodge-podge" inefficient, antiquated, expensive
7 and illogical arrangement. May I cite just a few of the
8 many examples to prove my point.

9 "Associated Judges of the Supreme Bench of
10 Baltimore City are currently paid a salary of \$25,000;
11 \$14,000 coming directly from the City and \$11,000 coming
12 directly from the State. However, in reference to the
13 \$14,000 paid by the City, the State currently reimburses
14 the City to the extent of \$8,500, resulting in a net
15 cost to the City of only \$5,500, plus pensions.

16 "In the area of Probation, the City of Baltimore
17 was a pioneer in establishing, pursuant to an act passed
18 by the General Assembly in 1933, its own Probation Depart-
19 ment. The City pays the full cost of operating this
20 department. The majority of counties, however, have not
21 established separate Probation Departments in the State,