

1 that the problems are complex. I think, as Mr. Ratchford
2 pointed out before, that perhaps some of the less popu-
3 lated towns in the State of Maryland render the greatest
4 service to the citizens.

5 I think it is true, and I know it is true,
6 indeed, that it is the purpose of this Committee to pro-
7 vide the best possible framework within the Constitution
8 for the development of the best possible local government
9 in the State of Maryland; that they would have to reject
10 out of hand a proposal that would eliminate those existing
11 local governmental units which now, perhaps by agreement,
12 have many, and even those representing counties, and I
13 don't by that mean to quote Mr. Ratchford, serving the
14 people of the State of Maryland in their particular area
15 so well. Does that answer your question, Dr. Loevy?

16 DR. LOEVY: Just let me ask you one more thing.
17 Do you think creating all home rule counties would change
18 your attitude toward this implication that you would make
19 the county governments take over the city functions and
20 carry them off?

21 MR. THOMPSON: No, I don't think so. I think