

1 MR. CASE: What are they again? Mrs. Bothe's
2 remarks make sense.

3 MR. SCANLAN: This is to be an at large
4 election except in the City of Baltimore. Which means
5 you will have a fair amount of candidates running. We
6 are all familiar with the alphabetical advantage that
7 can be gained by candidates whose names begin with
8 A and B and C. That advantage isn't so great in an
9 election where the candidates running are well known
10 having been elected to public office or active in politics.
11 Even there we have seen especially in Baltimore the
12 alphabetical game played with considerable success. It
13 seems to us in an election of this sort the danger of
14 advantage from alphabetical position is even greater.
15 For that reason we have made this recommendation.

16 It is a recommendation that is used in
17 many elections in many cities in many states even
18 though it may not have been done in Maryland before.
19 It is not an innovation in that sense. There are
20 many precedents for this or versions of it. I don't see
21 where the drawing, the language is very clear, picks out