

1 the University of Maryland should be recognized and granted  
2 constitutional autonomy. We feel that on a completely  
3 practical basis that this will be a forward step in the  
4 educational forefront in the State of Maryland, both in  
5 terms of its general government and in terms of its  
6 educational progress.

7 Dr. Elkins' letter is quoted at some length  
8 in our Report because at the time we prepared the Report,  
9 we were not aware that the Commission was going to be con-  
10 cerned with some of the materials that we have here.  
11 But we make it, we recognize our whole Report in some res-  
12 pects runs into some of the constitutional theory that  
13 this Commission has subscribed to, and we feel that this  
14 is an area where there must be a departure if for no other  
15 reason on strictly pragmatic grounds. We are not making  
16 this recommendation authorized to grant symbolic recog-  
17 nition to the University. We are making it because we  
18 feel a constitutional provision which makes unalterable  
19 the autonomy of the University, which makes it possible  
20 for a university which is so unique, and so far different  
21 from the other areas of government, its functions that is,  
~~it can only flourish and prosper with a constitutional~~