

1 For example, Prince Georges, Montgomery, and Charles
2 might fit together in a sanitary district but to have
3 an effective local regional governmental unit dealing
4 with the pollution of the Potomac River would require
5 all the counties adjacent to it. Now I am wondering if
6 any thought has been given to that problem in the
7 thinking of this, or confining it to one geographical
8 area rather than a function.

9 THE CHAIRMAN: Let Mr. Sykes comment on
10 that, if he wants.

11 MR. SYKES: My answer to that is that I
12 view the intergovernmental authorities as stepping
13 stones and the problems of these areas as inter-related.
14 Pollution, which is the example you chose, can't
15 really be divorced from sewage and if an area is one, for
16 the purpose of pollution, then I would think that other
17 functions within that area can be handled by the
18 existing framework, that intergovernmental authority
19 might have two divisions but I can't, and one of them
20 might deal with the pollution aspect and the other the
21 sewage aspect and the more limited territory. But I am