

1 classification, which may be only three counties --  
2 I feel that we have given there, a degree of, we have  
3 given a tool to the General Assembly to deal with the  
4 pocket of urban development which has created such a  
5 problem by reason of the population explosion, particularly  
6 insofar as that pocket may be around the Washington  
7 area, Montgomery, Prince Georges, and Howard and where  
8 there may be a similar pocket around Baltimore in the  
9 city, the Baltimore County and Howard. Now if we are  
10 going to approach the problem by this method, namely the  
11 broad grant of powers to the counties and the degree of  
12 flexibility insofar as the General Assembly is concerned  
13 but divorcing it from local matters and putting it  
14 up on the level of general public policy, then to come  
15 along and create in between those two governments, a  
16 regional government, I think is doing what? It is doing  
17 just the opposite of what the Committee has attempted  
18 to do here.

19 As you create the skeleton and as you create  
20 a regional government as such, giving it representative  
21 composition, power to tax and so forth, you are going to,