

1 parties and geographic areas, et cetera. No unanimity
2 of opinion that I could detect as to which might be
3 preferable.

4 One other big thing that I noticed in
5 discussions not only of constitutional revision generally
6 but of the problem with which we are struggling very
7 hard, namely, the question of political subdivisions,
8 was that the situations varied so greatly from state
9 to state that it is exceedingly dangerous to look to
10 what another state has done in this area and indeed
11 in any area of constitutional revision without knowing
12 fairly accurately what the political organization of
13 the state is not only as to political parties but as
14 to organization of the geographic and political
15 subdivisions of the state.

16 In Maryland, as all of us know, the county
17 is the predominant political organization but in many
18 states the county has almost ceased to exist as a
19 governing unit. Unless this fact is recognized when you
20 look at the procedures being considered by a particular
21 state, it is very difficult to try to use what they do