

1 MR. CLAGETT: Not with respect to an
2 authority. Only with respect to the establishment of
3 a basic form of government which is, as we defined it,
4 a representative elective form of government.

5 MR. SAYRE: I understand. Let's take
6 Montgomery and Prince Georges, for example. You have
7 two counties and in its entirety would be a boundary.
8 Unless the General Assembly could agree that these two
9 counties constitute a regional boundary, they cannot
10 act.

11 MR. CLAGETT: Wisely so, I would think.
12 I would hate, as I believe it elsewhere has been commented,
13 I would hate to see a region composed of only two or
14 only three counties. I think that the debate we had
15 back at the Brown Estate clearly pointed up one thing.
16 The desirability of not having a proliferation of
17 regional governments. That means that if you get into
18 twelve or whatever number you might have, you are
19 getting into a very serious area of confusion. The
20 argument is a very good one that there should be some
21 limitation to five or something less rather than more.