

1 by regional government may not fit in one of the classifica-  
2 tion systems because, taking an example, it could be  
3 Baltimore and the surrounding counties, in which case  
4 Howard County may be one of those you want to include and  
5 the only way to give them powers that are taken away from  
6 the counties to cover it in the area may be through the  
7 classification system.

8 Therefore, the criteria would have to be open,  
9 not restricted to population, to permit a regional con-  
10 glomeration as well as for other purposes, perhaps some  
11 population criteria.

12 On the other hand, if the method of taking away  
13 powers from counties is to be an exception with regard to  
14 the establishment of regional government, then there is no  
15 particular reason why the classification system in this  
16 section needs to be anything other than limited to  
17 classification. So, it's very tied up with this same ques-  
18 tion, as to whether or not you are going to have this as  
19 the only method to give powers to regional governments that  
20 are taken away from counties or not. But if this is the  
21 only way to utilize the assemblage of counties into a