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1 handle those powers.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: But it doesn't have to be a
3 charter?

4 MR. CLAGETT: We contemplate that instrument
5 of government is synonymous with charter.

6 MR. SCANLAN: The more he explains it, the
7 more I don't understand it.

8 MR. CLAGETT: Let's go ahead. We feel that
9 what we are doing is giving a sugar coat to the pill
10 "charter" and it is solely for that reason that we use
11 the words instrument of government, to make the pill more
12 palatable to those counties. Whereas, in Prince George's,
13 specifically, if we used the word charter, we are building
14 up a body of opposition which is not necessary for us to
15 do if we can simply use a phrase that sugar-coats the pill.

16 Now, if you are looking at a gun in the face
17 and somebody is behind the gun who is going to pull the
18 trigger, what do you do? You put your hands up in the air
19 and you say, I'll come back another day. When you've got
20 a gun, you can shoot him first. But here, insofar as
21 Prince George's County is concerned, over a period of now