

1 program of the Federal Government for aid, direct aid  
2 to Counties and municipalities, without going through  
3 State channels. There is some general feeling that this  
4 is unwise, and I have no strong notions one way or the  
5 other about that, but I would hesitate to attempt in this  
6 Constitution to foreclose it, and I would be fearful that  
7 what you propose would perhaps tie the hands of the  
8 General Assembly, if the General Assembly decided that  
9 in the future all direct aid from the Federal Government  
10 to Counties and cities ought to funnel through the State  
11 Government.

12 MR. CLAGETT: Well, our Article would take  
13 care of regions, Counties or intergovernmental authority.  
14 It would not include other civil divisions or municipal  
15 corporations. Now, we provide merely that nothing in  
16 the Constitution shall be construed to prohibit, but if  
17 the General Assembly found that there was anything that would  
18 require action by it, there would be nothing to prevent  
19 it from doing so by general law, applicable to all  
20 Counties.

21 DR. BURDETTE: Is that correct? If I understand