

1 Comptroller is Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the
2 State Employees' Retirement System, Vice-Chairman of the
3 Board of Trustees of the State Teachers' Retirement System
4 and a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Police
5 Retirement System.

6 "These systems administer the retirement funds
7 and pension funds of State employees, teachers and police.
8 These funds, which now total approximately \$460,000,000.00
9 represent contributions from the salaries of dedicated
10 State employees, with matching funds from the State, and
11 must be held safe and secure. The incumbent Comptroller
12 has instituted a diversified program for the investment
13 of these funds, in F.H.A. mortgages, ground rents,
14 corporate bonds, common stock, et cetera, which investments
15 are now yielding 4.3 per cent interest.

16 "It is important that a person of independent
17 judgment be a member of these Retirement Boards in order
18 that the Retirement Systems of our State may continue to
19 remain in sound financial condition.

20 "FINANCIAL REPORTS: Upon the assumption of
21 office, the incumbent Comptroller adopted an 'open door'