

1 the eventual elimination of those boundary lines would  
2 be wrong in concept. We are dealing in relation to our  
3 times, and we are looking to flexibility, but at the same  
4 time, we don't want to mandate the killing of that which  
5 we are agreeing to maintain and create.

6 DR. BARD: Mr. Chairman, I think to be fair to  
7 the views of the Committee, they certainly did not have  
8 that in mind at all. Indeed, I think if you were to  
9 have asked every last member of the Committee, and this  
10 was one item on which there was complete unanimity, if  
11 you were to ask every member of the Committee, he would  
12 hold strongly that the county unit in Maryland does have  
13 significance. As a matter of fact, we would believe  
14 that the concept of Home Rule for counties would give  
15 even more significance to the counties, and this has been  
16 discussed by your Committee, and we would stand by it.  
17 We do not see any contradiction in terms of the position  
18 that you have just related. What we are merely saying is  
19 that we think that the State should not wait for the  
20 Supreme Court to call the signals on this question. In-  
21 deed, the very people who now say, Let us wait to see