

In addition, we recommended that the Comptroller urge all Clerks of Court and Registers of Wills using the print recording program carried on through Hall and McChesney, Inc. to convert from the silver print method to the Copyflo system because of its economy. This reduced the cost of a duplex projection print from \$.80 to \$.46, representing a considerable saving to the State. Because of the ever-increasing volume of documents received for recordation in these offices, some attention is now being given to the elimination of the paper record altogether and the substitution of microfilm copies.

From time to time we are also consulted on problems of the physical housing of records such as air-conditioning, fire prevention and vault construction. When the Talbot County Courthouse was enlarged several years ago, the Archivist was asked to review the plans insofar as the storage of records was concerned. He also was consulted about the remodeling of the Queen Anne's County Courthouse, which is now in progress, while the Assistant Records Administrator participated in drafting plans for increasing the record capacity of the Clerk of Court's vault in Howard County.

We again provided the Commissioner of the Land Office with microfilm copies of the currently recorded land records and the Department of Assessments and Taxation with copies of current deeds for its tax map program. These records were filmed especially for the Hall of Records by the Clerks of Court or were a part of the projection print recording program carried on through Hall and McChesney. Our personnel supervised the filming, inspected the film, and delivered it to the Land Office. They also film the abstracts of mortgage releases which are forwarded to us each year by the Clerks in order that the security copies of the land records in the possession of the Land Office may be complete.

During the year under review, the State records program also experienced expansion and progress. In some areas, the tangible results achieved were less encouraging than in previous years, but in others the accomplishments which appear attainable from the work already begun are particularly promising.

The State Department of Health organized a records review group in January, 1961 and requested the Assistant Records Administrator and