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There was no meeting of the Hall of Records Commission during the fiscal year for various reasons. A few months after the Legislature adjourned March 28, 1967, the Constitutional Convention went into session and continued in session until the Legislature met in January 1968. Thereafter there was held a special election on the adoption of the new constitution and soon afterward the State was more than usually involved in pre-presidential politics culminating in the nomination of Governor Agnew for the Vice Presidency by the Republican Convention in August. Since the Governor is, for obvious reasons, the most important member of the Commission and since he was unavailable, no effort was made to schedule a meeting.

At its last meeting the Commission was much concerned over the archives of the State of Maryland in the custody of the Librarian of Congress. Governor Tawes was asked to request their return—the Archivist had failed in the effort. As a result of Mr. Tawes intercession, every member of the Maryland delegation to Congress introduced a Resolution asking that these archives be returned. The Honorable Clarence D. Long was most energetic in his efforts to have a hearing before the House subcommittee on House Administration. His Resolution (H.J. Res. 207) failed as did the others. Senator William S. James, President of the Maryland Senate, introduced a joint resolution in the Maryland Senate calling on the Librarian of Congress to return these archives to the State of Maryland. This resolution was passed without a dissenting vote (Senate Joint Resolution No. 7). This action on the part of the Maryland Legislature was ignored by the Librarian of Congress.

At the same time, the Honorable Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., member of Congress, from the 6th district of Maryland, made an effort to intercede personally with Dr. Mumford, Librarian of Congress, without better success. It is disheartening for the Archivist to be confronted by an individual who continues to deny what is obviously the truth about these records. I do not think that reason, logic or persuasion will ever shake his determination to keep these records, although they are obviously Maryland's.