

I have discussed only the main highways, but of course we have no intention of neglecting our secondary roads. The plan we have envisioned the expenditure of approximately \$40 million.

I believe the plan we have offered to the General Assembly is, in the light of conditions we face, the only sensible one. I hope the people of the State will make their best effort to understand it. I hope they will give us their support.

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## REMARKS, BALTIMORE ASSOCIATION OF COMMERCE

### BALTIMORE

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I am most grateful to your president for inviting me to attend this luncheon which the Baltimore Association of Commerce has arranged to stimulate interest in the development and improvement of commercial aviation in this area.

From its very origin to the present time, this great City has been a pioneer in the field of transportation—water, rail, highway and now air. The great progress we have made in Baltimore and in the State of Maryland is due to a very great extent to the fortunate geographic position we occupy and the measures we have taken to build a transportation system to exploit this advantage.

Maryland, we know, is the center of a vast transportation network of water, land and air services. This seaport, with the rail, highway and air links connecting it with other parts of the country, is the very core of our economy. We have reached an age when commercial aviation has assumed a position of great importance in the whole area of transportation and communication. We can expect air transportation to increase in relative importance as the years go by.

All of us are pleased with the great strides made by the Friendship International Airport during the past few years, and especially since the inauguration of jet flights. It is essential that this airport be developed and improved over the years to keep pace with the rapid growth of commercial aviation.

I know of no organization that has done more than the Baltimore Association of Commerce to encourage the improvement of our port and our transportation system. The entire State of Maryland is greatly indebted to you for this service.

Again, let me express my gratitude to you for inviting me here today.