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Dear Governor Hughes:

In accordance with Section 33B(j) of the Annotated Code of Maryland, I am submitting the Annual Report of the State Prosecutor for the calendar year 1979.

The budget under which the office operated for the calendar year 1979 authorized a staff consisting of the State Prosecutor, two Assistant State Prosecutors, two investigators, two secretaries and two part-time law clerks.

A continuing priority is to have sufficient staff size to be able to effectively handle all matters which are within the jurisdiction of the office. To this end, non-budgeted investigative personnel has been added to the staff through the assistance of the Baltimore City Police Department, the Maryland State Police and the Federal Government.

The Baltimore City Police Department has assigned two detectives to this office. The Maryland State Police has assigned one detective to the office on a full time basis and has provided 6 detectives on a case by case basis pursuant to Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Federal Government has provided one investigator on a full time basis pursuant to the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970. Negotiations are presently in progress which should result in the addition of more federal investigators pursuant to that Act. It is to be noted that under the provisions of the Intergovernmental Personnel Act, the

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Federal Government continues to pay all salary and fringe benefits for the federal employees participating in this program.

In the 1978 Annual Report, I indicated that I would seek the introduction of remedial legislation in the area of the Statute of Limitations relating to bribery of public officials. Legislation was introduced and passed by the 1979 General Assembly which did remove the two year statute of limitations for such offenses which was imposed by the Acts of the 1978 General Assembly. Because the proposed legislation did affect my office, I spent considerable time drafting the proposed legislation change and testifying at Legislative Committee Hearings when the proposed legislation was considered.

To satisfy the requirements of Article 33B(m), I met with the Attorney General on a frequent basis. Meetings with the State's Attorneys were held on an individual basis when conferring about pending matters in their respective jurisdictions. Meetings with the State's Attorneys on a group basis were accomplished by attending the Mid-Winter Meeting of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association held in Oakland, Maryland in January, 1979, and by attending the Board of Directors Meeting of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association.

In an effort to maintain existing liaison and to create additional liaison with State, Local and Federal agencies involved in law enforcement, I met with or had contact with the following: the Superintendent of the Maryland State Police and members of his staff; Police Chiefs of various jurisdictions throughout the State of Maryland and members of their respective staffs; the Agents in Charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for the State of Maryland and Delaware; the Agent in Charge of the United States Secret Service for Maryland; the United States Attorney for the District of Maryland; the Special Agent in Charge of the United States Customs for Maryland; the Mayor's Coordinating Council for Criminal Justice for Baltimore City and the Governor's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice.

In 1979, the State Prosecutor's Office maintained or established liaison with the following national organizations which were related to the function of prosecution and law enforcement: the National District Attorneys Association, Chicago, Illinois; the National College of District Attorneys, Houston, Texas; the Office of the Special Prosecutor for the State of New York; and the Office of the Prosecutor, Seattle, Washington.

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During the calendar year 1979, the Office of the State Prosecutor received 261 requests for the initiation of investigations. The requests for the initiation of investigations were received from all statutorily designated sources.

Carried over into calendar year 1979 were 28 miscellaneous complaints and 38 full-field investigations. The 1979 total of cases presently under investigation was 161.

During calendar year 1979, those investigations have resulted in 35 indictments of 21 individuals for the violations of the criminal laws of the State of Maryland relating to Bribery (16 counts), Larceny After Trust (multi-jurisdictional, 72 counts), Larceny (multi-jurisdictional, 6 counts), Obstruction of Justice (3 counts), Perjury (2 counts), Subornation of Perjury (3 counts), Misconduct in Office (5 counts), Receiving Stolen Goods (multi-jurisdictional, 6 counts), Making False Report (2 counts), False Pretense (1 count), Conspiracy (8 counts) and Insurance Fraud (1 count), Conspiracy (8 counts) and Insurance Fraud (1 count).

Of those 21 persons indicted, 9 have been convicted and 12 await trial. As a result of the convictions to date, restitution to the State of Maryland in the amount of \$ 8,784.00 has been made. A lien by the State of Maryland against two of the above convicted defendants in the amount of \$ 296,912.57 has been filed and reimbursement to the City of Baltimore in the amount of \$ 75,000.00 is in the negotiation phase. Incarceration to the Department of Correction totalling 6½ years and criminal fines totalling \$ 3,000.00 have been imposed by the various courts.

During the 1979 calendar year, 68 election law violations by candidates for public office or by committees for political organizations have resulted in penalties and fines amounting to approximately \$ 6,500.00.

For the period covered by this report, the prosecutors in this office have made over 75 appearances before several grand juries in various jurisdictions.

The investigations presently being conducted are utilizing assistance from the Maryland State Police, the Baltimore City Police Department, the Baltimore County Police Department, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Attorney's Office, and the Washington Metropolitan Police Department and United States Customs.

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In conclusion, I would like to extend my appreciation for the courtesies and cooperation shown the State Prosecutor's Office during the past year.

Sincerely yours,



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