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The Honorable Harry R. Hughes Governor of Maryland State House Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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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 1980.

The budget under which the office operated for the first part of calendar year 1980 authorized a staff consisting of the State Prosecutor, two Assistant State Prosecutors, two investigators, two secretaries and two part-time law clerks. Beginning on July 1, 1980, the 1981 fiscal year budget allowed this office to obtain on a contractual basis one additional prosecutor, investigator and secretary.

In a continuing effort to have sufficient staff size to be able to effectively handle all matters which are within the jurisdiction of this office non-budgeted investigative personnel have 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 continued to assign two detectives to this office. The Maryland State Police has provided six detectives on a case by case basis pursuant to Article 88B of the Annotated Code of Maryland. The Federal Government had provided one investigator on a full-time basis pursuant to the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970. The contract for this investigator expired during the 1980 calendar year. To date, because of the Federal hiring freeze, this office has not been able to obtain a replacement investigator under this program.

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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 Board of Directors meetings of the Maryland State's Attorneys Association.

During calendar year 1980, this office participated in the creation of the Federal State Law Enforcement Committee for Maryland. The purpose of this Committee was to improve communications between Federal and State law enforcement officials and to provide a continuing forum in which to discuss and resolve common problems, to set and coordinate priorities, to exchange information about policies and programs, to find ways in which to fill law enforcement voids created by budgetary limitations and resource allocations and to determine and arrange joint legislative initiatives. Membership of this Committee includes the State Prosecutor, Warren B. Duckett, Jr., State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County, Arthur A. Marshall, State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Sandra O'Connor, State's Attorney for Baltimore County, Andrew L. Sonner, State's Attorney for Montgomery County, William Swisher, State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Thomas Hickman, State's Attorney for Carroll County, Peter Cobb, State's Attorney for Harford County, Stephen H. Sachs, Maryland Attorney General, Russell T. Baker, Jr., United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent, Maryland State Police, Harry J. Polis, President, Maryland Chiefs of Police, Cornelius J. Behan, Chief of Police Baltimore County, Bernard Crooke, Chief of Police Montgomery County, Maxwell Frye, Chief of Police Anne Arundel County, Donald D. Pomerleau, Police Commissioner Baltimore City, James E. LeGette, Special Agent in Charge Secret Service, George B. Brosan, Special Agent in Charge Drug Enforcement Administration, Edward D. Hegarty, Special Agent in Charge Federal Bureau of Investigation, Ralph F. Doehne, Resident Agent in Charge Alcohol, Tabacco and Firearms, Thomas J. Koerber, Postal Inspector in Charge Postal Inspection Service, Desmond S. Caulfield, Regional Director of Investigations United States Customs Service and Teddy R. Kern, District Director Internal Revenue Service. participation on this Committee the State Prosecutor's Office has been able to greatly expand its investigative capabilities far beyond what has been provided by the State budgetary source. To expand its investigative abilities beyond State boundaries, the State Prosecutor's Office has maintained membership in the Combined Law Enforcement Intelligence Group. Through this membership valuable investigative contacts with the states of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia are maintained.

During calendar year 1980, the greatest expenditure of manpower of investigators and prosecutors occurred in areas of Page 3
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criminal activity which had the greatest impact upon the operation and integrity of the State and local governments. These areas included the bribery of public officials and employees; contractual relationships between the State of Maryland and private entities which provided services and goods to the State of Maryland and the defrauding of State agencies of monies and benefits by recipients not entitled to the benefits and monies received. Investigations and prosecutions of violations in these priority areas resulted in convictions of fourteen persons for violations of bribery, unemployment frauds, larceny from government agencies, and income tax evasions. These convictions resulted in \$62,000.00 in fines and \$49,490.16 in restitution to the State of Maryland. During the 1980 calendar year thirty-two election law violations by candidates for public office or by committees for political organizations resulted in penalties and fines totalling \$6,275.00.

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,

GERALD D. GLASS State Prosecutor

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cc: The Honorable Stephen H. Sachs Attorney General

The Honorable Benjamin L. Cardin Speaker of the House

The Honorable James Clark, Jr. President of the Senate