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I am delighted to see so many of you here at this Governor's conference on tourist development in Maryland.

If I may begin by thinking back a bit — this is the sixth major conference having to do with strengthening the Maryland economy that I have called since becoming Governor. In 1960, I called the first conference of Appalachian Governors, which resulted in the formation of a permanent organization in which every Appalachian Governor holds membership, and which eventually led to the present state-federal Appalachian Regional Program. In 1961, the Maryland Science-Industry Conference was held. This resulted in, among other things, the formation of the Governor's Science Advisory Board and the launching of a sustained and continuing effort to attract more science-based industries to Maryland. Part of this program are the plans to build a \$6,000,000 science center here in Baltimore—to which the state is contributing \$2,000,000. Three years ago, a state-wide conference on tourist development was called by me in Annapolis. Attendance was excellent, and an increased awareness of the potential benefits of tourism efforts on the local level came from it. As a result income from tourist and recreational sources in Maryland has been rising every year. In August of last year, we held our first oceanographic conference in Annapolis. This was attended by scientists and science-industry executives from all over the country, and in general provoked so much interest that we have scheduled another such conference for next year. One of the partial results of last year's meeting was the establishment of a major new oceanographic facility near Annapolis. Last year I also called the first Governor's Conference on Economic Development, which was held here in Baltimore. It dealt with Maryland's opportunities for increasing industrial expansion, and what could and should be done to take advantage of these opportunities. Among the results of that conference was the establishment of a new state program to facilitate industrial financing in Maryland—the Maryland Industrial Financing Authority—and, of even more importance, a stimulation of interest in industrial development activities on the local level — among the counties and communities in Maryland, where it really counts.

It is my earnest hope that the accomplishments of this second Governor's Conference will be every bit as impressive and as far-reaching