

"The warm and enthusiastic response that greeted my earlier announcement of plans to form such committees on behalf of a Rockefeller draft is gratifying. I am particularly impressed by the number of these men and by their high standing in the community. Their willingness to identify themselves publicly with an effort on behalf of a man who is not an active candidate is not only a tribute to Governor Rockefeller but an attestation of their commitment to our country.

"They share my belief that Nelson Rockefeller is the best qualified person in the United States to be President and that he can, in fact, be persuaded to accept the nomination by a genuine outpouring of public support."

Governor Agnew said he has asked L. Mercer Smith, Vice President of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company of Maryland and one of those most active in the formation of the committee, to serve as temporary chairman and call the first meeting.

At that meeting, the Governor said, the committee can be expected to organize and elect officers, make plans to file official papers with the Secretary of State, and lay the groundwork for the draft movement in the Baltimore area.

The committee members, listed alphabetically, are:

Robert T. Baker, President of the Chesapeake National Bank

Frederick J. Beste, President, Maryland Telecommunications, Inc.

Robert B. Black, Honorary Chairman of the Board, Black and Decker Manufacturing Co.

Thomas B. Butler, Chairman of the Board, Mercantile-Safe Deposit and Trust Company

Dr. Brownlee Sands Corrin, Professor of Political Science and Director of the Field Politics Center, Goucher College

Gordon H. Dalsemer, President, Dalsemer, Catzen and Associates, Inc.

Alonzo G. Decker, Jr., Chairman of the Board, Black and Decker Manufacturing Co.

Ralph L. DeGross, Vice President, Robert Garrett and Sons, Inc.

Tilton H. Dobbin, President, Maryland National Bank

Harry A. Dundore, President, Diecraft Division, Bausch and Lomb, Inc.

John W. Edelen, Jr., President, Stebbins-Anderson Company, Inc.

Arthur G. Foster, Manager, Baltimore Works, Western Electric Company, Inc.