

Questions and Answers

Q. Governor, you said that you were working all week to reopen communications. Have you set up another meeting with a group of Negro leaders?

A. There are many meetings that have been set and I don't want to go into the definition of each one at this point, but obviously there has been no breakdown in communications.

Q. Governor, if you had it to do over again would you have done it the same way?

A. I think the statement speaks for itself. I'll have to stand on the statement.

Q. That is, holding the meeting the way you did?

A. I won't comment outside the statement.

Q. Governor, in light of the favorable response and telegrams, do you still consider this a suicidal decision you have made?

A. I have no further comment beyond the statement I have just made on the subject.

(Bowie State College)

Q. Turning to another subject, Governor. You met for two hours with Bowie State College students. Could you tell us about the results of that meeting?

A. Well, I was greatly encouraged with the meeting. We had a very fine discussion of the problems that face the college and I think there was a great recognition on the part of the students that much of what hasn't been accomplished has not been because of the lack of appropriated money, but because of the lack of efficient use of what's been appropriated. Now this is not to indicate by any stretch of the imagination that there haven't been years and years of neglect of this institution. We are taking steps to correct these conditions as quickly as we can. Mr. Mester, the new Executive Secretary of the Board of State College Trustees, is working very closely with the students and with Dr. Myers and the faculty. I have made arrangements for him to keep in almost constant communication with the students so that **they will be apprised of the progress that's being made.**

Q. Will emergency funds be available for Bowie State?

A. As of the moment the funds that we have earmarked for Bowie State are no different than the ones that were earmarked at the time the troubles began — the \$335,000 of money already appropriated that