

**Q.** Governor, do you have any comment on the Michaelson Commission final report?

**A.** Yes. I have read it in some detail, and I have read the supporting reports by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and the American Correctional Association. I'm basically in accord with the finding, and this doesn't mean that there won't be certain sections of it that I will later qualify my support of. Certainly I agree with the recommendation that I should immediately appoint an ad hoc committee for the purpose of beginning a nationwide search for a Director of Correction. Tomorrow I am conferring with the Advisory Board of Correction on the Michaelson report in general and on this one subject in particular so that we can get started on that. I note that the Michaelson recommendations depart somewhat from the plan of the joint legislative commission on correction to go forward immediately with the maximum security institution, and this is a subject I want to discuss with the Advisory Board of Correction and also to give more attention to it. I think, when we begin our construction program, we should be very sure that we're moving to an integrated result with our objectives clearly in mind.

**Q.** Governor, are you happy or unhappy with the progress of the Legislature up to this point?

**A.** I think it has been very good. From what I can see so far, much material has been moving quickly in the last three or four days and certainly I have no criticism. My relationships with the Legislature have remained consistently good and I hope they continue that way.

**Q.** How many absolutely essential bills remain to be passed?

**A.** I just don't know the answer to that, Hal. I think probably there are some very important ones in addition to the tax reform measure, which seems to have great support. In that regard I would state this: The so-called Lee tax plan is nothing more than a very minor amendment to the Hughes-Agnew plan. Certainly the plan in its concept, what it does for building construction for education, what it does for other educational programs, the general inclusions in the plan and the objectives to be achieved, are all the same. There is a very, very minor deviation from the original tax plan that came out, I remind you, after the bipartisan committee formed it. The only change that I can see of any significance is one changing the graduated income-tax scale from 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 percent to 2, 3, 4, 5. Aside from that it's the original plan; it is not a new plan, it is a very minor amendment to the original plan and one that I can support.