

PREFACE

This two-volume publication of the official speeches and papers of Governor Spiro T. Agnew is the second in what many hope will become a continuing series of publications of the official statements of the Governors of Maryland. The first in this series was the *Addresses and State Papers of J. Millard Tawes*, in two volumes, published by the State of Maryland in 1967.

For each of these publications, professors of government and politics at the University of Maryland, College Park, served as editors: Dr. Conley H. Dillon, for the papers of Governor Tawes; and Dr. Franklin L. Burdette, for these volumes.

Dr. Burdette had completed all work on this publication, with the exception of the editor's preface and a biography, before his untimely death. His extraordinary standards of accuracy and completeness are evident throughout these volumes. Every effort has been made to complete the few remaining steps of this task within his known plans and standards.

In lieu of the editor's planned biography of Governor Agnew, the official biography which appeared in the 1967-1968 *Maryland Manual* (Annapolis, The Hall of Records Commission) has been included here as a part of the official record of the period. For those interested in Dr. Burdette's most recent discussion of this period, his "Modern Maryland — Politics and Social Change" (Chapter X of *Maryland: A History*, Baltimore, Maryland: Maryland Historical Society, 1974) is recommended.

Since there was no complete editor's preface, this preface has been prepared on the basis of his initial drafts and on earlier conversations with him in which he outlined his plans for this editor's statement.

These volumes contain the complete and unabridged texts of all official written and spoken statements of Governor Agnew, including speeches, other official remarks and press conferences of this period. All materials are arranged chronologically; to facilitate access, the Table of Contents contains the formal title and date of each entry, while the index is designed to identify issues and subject matter.

The index posed a particularly time-consuming aspect of the editor's efforts. In his initial draft, Dr. Burdette described the index as having been designed not only to make comparable subject matter more readily available but also, particularly when not fully clear in the text,