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A meeting of the Hall of Records Commission was held November 10, 1966 at the Hall of Records. Dr. Weigle presided at the opening of the meeting because of the retirement of the Chairman, Chief Judge Stedman Prescott during the summer of 1966. After the minutes of the last meeting, September 21, 1965, were approved, Dr. Weigle called for a new election of officers. Chief Judge Hall Hammond of the Court of Appeals was thereupon elected Chairman and Dr. Weigle was re-elected Vice Chairman.

The Archivist then asked for approval of the new members of the staff appointed since the last meeting: Sarah Wadley Salter, Archivist II, January 12, 1966 (reinstated), Charles William White, Clerk I, March 9, 1966, vice John R. Goodwin; Beverly Ann Baker, Archivist II, April 20, 1966, vice Robert O. Benson; Judith Lee Lilley, Manuscript Repair Technician, vice Patricia C. Goldsborough; and Kenneth Lee Thompson, Manuscript Repair Technician, May 4, 1966, vice Beatrice B. Hiltabidle. All were approved.

The members of the Commission then considered the failure of the Archivist to recover the Maryland Archives in the hands of the Librarian of Congress. The Archivist had been instructed at the previous meeting to make a last effort to recover these records. He had enlisted the aid of Congressman Charles McC. Mathias, Jr., who had undertaken the task but had not come to a satisfactory arrangement with Dr. L. Quincy Mumford, the Librarian of Congress. Mr. Mathias had advised Judge Brune that if compensation were offered to the Library of Congress, the records might be returned. The Archivist had been asked if he would trade certain records for those which the State of Maryland wished to repossess. He had refused this offer because he did not consider that the Hall of Records had anything in its custody which would have interest for the Federal Government, and, in any case, he would not be willing to attempt to alienate the State's title to any of its records.

Dr. Weigle suggested that compensation be considered but Mr. Goldstein said that if the records belonged to the State of Maryland,