

File No. 95959

May 29, 1956

To the Honorable, the President and Members  
of the Board of Estimates of Baltimore City  
City Hall  
Baltimore - 2, Maryland

Gentlemen:

In a letter dated May 3, 1956, addressed to the Board of Estimates by Mr. Foster H. Fansen, Secretary of the Jail Board, it was stated that two questions have arisen which need some clarification in connection with the construction of the proposed new Jail and the matter was referred to the City Solicitor for attention on May 16, 1956.

The questions are:

1. Will the cost of the land (approximately 100 acres recommended by Mr. Litchfield) come from the six million dollar loan?
2. Are there legal technicalities concerning the housing of Baltimore City prisoners outside the City limits, as for example in Baltimore County?

As to the first question, Chapter 134 of the Laws of Maryland of 1951 authorized the City to borrow six million dollars and to use the same for the acquisition, by purchase, condemnation or any other legal means, of land or property, or any rights therein, in the City of Baltimore, and for establishing, constructing, erecting and equipping a new modern and adequate jail and all facilities and appurtenances necessary or useful in connection with the use and operation of a modern jail on said land or property or on any land or property now or hereafter owned or controlled by the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore, and for doing any and all things necessary, proper or expedient in connection with or pertaining to any or all of the matters or things hereinbefore mentioned. (Sec. 2)

Based upon the aforesaid Act, Ordinance No. 393, approved June 30, 1952, authorized the City to borrow six million dollars and to use the same for the purposes hereinbefore indicated. (Sec. 6)

In view of the language used in the aforementioned legisla-