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1 accountability to the people, which most authorities are
2 unable to render. It has delegated powers, regardless of
3 whether it comes from above or from below and that's all
4 we're talking about and I think that we have to walk before
5 we can run and I think you would agree with that. We can
6 only say we're delegating certain functions on an area wide
7 basis to a region and we're calling it a government because
8 it's responsive and accountable to the people. Now, that's
9 all we mean.

10 Now, let's go backwards. It's a lot easier to
11 make smaller units out of larger units than to re-consoli-
12 date and, as Louis Goldstein loves to talk about the develop-
13 ment of this State where we had just a few counties and we
14 made more, we made five counties out of two counties on the
15 Eastern Shore. We split Montgomery from Prince Georges.
16 It's going to be a lot harder to get them back together
17 again as one entity than it would be to delegate certain
18 functions that they both have an interest in to a regional
19 government.

20 Another thing that is really your bailiwick,
21 that we have good governments in solvent areas where they