

Memorandum No. 2

This is a report of our present plans for staff work at Stanford in connection with the preparation of the calendar of topics for study to be reported to the 1956 Session of the Legislature. It is made on two assumptions: (1) That the commission will wish to request authority to study additional topics (which will necessarily depend on how well we have our current agenda in hand by next January); and (2) That the commission will present in 1956 the same kind of a calendar that it reported in 1955.

We now plan to have the people at Stanford work on the following matters in the order in which they are listed:

1. Making studies and reports requested by the Agenda Committee on suggestions now on hand or which may be received.
2. Making studies and reports requested by the Agenda Committee on suggestions sent to us by the Legislative Counsel. We have 41 such suggestions on hand.
3. Reading issues of law reviews published this academic year by California law schools and reporting potential study topics for consideration by the Agenda Committee.
4. Reading California advance sheets published this calendar year and reporting potential study topics for consideration by the Agenda Committee.
5. Reading the five volumes of law reviews published by California law schools which antedate the five volumes covered by last year's study and reporting potential study topics for consideration by the Agenda Committee.
6. Reading the California reports for the five calendar years ending December 31, 1954, and reporting potential study topics for consideration by the Agenda Committee.

*Agenda  
Contract  
approved  
\$1,500<sup>00</sup>*

*Should  
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be reversed?*

There are two questions which I would like to have the commission consider at the June 25 meeting. First, does the commission approve this plan for work at Stanford or is some other procedure preferred. Second, should anything be done now to renew the interest of members of the Bench and Bar in sending the commission suggestions as to matters which may deserve study. We are not now receiving any such suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

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