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Memorandum No. 4

Subject: Status report on studies to
be completed for the 1957 Session.

The following table summarizes the current status of the several studies, other than the Fish and Game Code revision, which we plan to complete for submission to the 1957 Session.

I. Studies Assigned by 1955 Session.

Study No.	Topic	Not Started	In Process	Completed by Commission	Sent to State Bar	State Bar Report Received	Sent to Printer
1	Suspension Absolute Power Alienation		x				
2	Judicial Notice Foreign Country Law			x	x	x	
3	Dead Man Statute			x	x	x	
4	Law Governing Survival Actions			x	x	x	
5	201.5 Probate Code			x			
6	CCP § 660 - effective date new trial orders			x	x	x	
7	Retention Venue for convenience of witnesses			x	x	x	
8	Marital testimonial privilege			x			
9	Penal Code §§ 1377, 1378			x			
10	Penal Code § 19a			x	x	x	x
11	Corporations Code §§ 2201, 3901	x					

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12	Jury Instructions			x			
13	Parties to cross-actions		x				
14	Administrator quiet title action	x					
15	Attorneys fees & costs			x			
16	Planning procedure	x					

II. Studies Assigned by 1956 Session

Study No.	Topic	Not started	In process
26	Law governing escheat personal property	x	
32	Uniform Arbitration Act		x
	Uniform Post-Conviction Procedure Act		x

Of the studies not started, Nos. 11, 16 and 26 have been assigned to the commission staff. We hope that these can be ready for consideration by the committees to which they are assigned by November 1. The other study not started, No. 14 (Administrator in quiet title actions) is in suspension pending a full report by the Committee on Administration of Justice on our memorandum soliciting

its view of the desirability of going forward with this study. Even if that view were affirmative and we were to decide to go ahead, it seems clear that this study could not be completed in time to report to the 1957 Session.

Respectfully submitted,

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