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REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON
RULES OF PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE

TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES, CHAIRMAN AND
MEMBERS OF THE JUDICIAL CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED STATES:

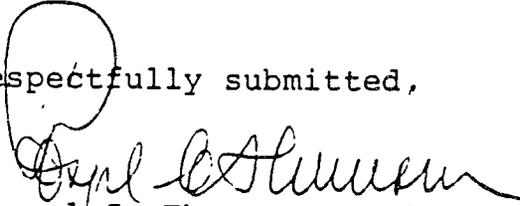
The Advisory Committee on Appellate Rules has completed its study of proposed amendments initiated while Judge Hastie was Chairman of the Committee. Those proposed rules were distributed to Bench and Bar; the replies were considered and the final proposals were framed by that Committee after Judge Aldrich became Chairman; they will be considered by the Standing Committee this summer and submitted to the Judicial Conference well in advance of the September meeting.

The Standing Committee has taken action to facilitate consideration of rule proposals where there is need for prompt response to current procedural problems. For example, we are now circulating to Bench and Bar proposed changes in the Rules of Criminal Procedure which have been proposed by the Advisory Committee to meet certain problems which have arisen as the result of recent court decisions; we have requested responses within 90 days in order that the proposed rules may be reviewed by the Advisory Committee in the late spring and submitted to the Standing Committee for action in July, so that the rules as finally proposed may be sent to the members of the Judicial Conference in August and considered at the September meeting. Additional Rules of Criminal Procedure

and amendments to existing rules may be necessary if and when the proposed new criminal code is enacted into law. The present bill contains a number of specific amendments to the existing Criminal Rules.

The Advisory Committee on Civil Rules is circulating its proposals for amendments to the Discovery Rules, similar in many respects to the amendments recommended by a committee of the Litigation Section of the American Bar Association. They will meet, probably in June, to consider the comments of Bench and Bar.

Respectfully submitted,



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