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This memorandum is to supplement Mr. Fleischer's memorandum of October 10, 1967, and my memorandum of October 18, 1967, and attempts to formalize some of the investigative projects in Sobol v. Perez that we discussed last week in New Orleans. My notes show the following projects:

(1) Interview Arthur Chaptal, Executive Secretary of the NAACP in New Orleans. Hopefully, he will have records to supplement any statements he may make concerning the difficulty of obtaining adequate representation for Negroes in the State.

(2) Examine and analyze the records of Mr. Tureaud, which he said he would make available to us. You will recall that these records deal with problems of Negroes obtaining admission to the Louisiana Bar and difficulty encountered in getting white lawyers to raise constitutional defenses on behalf of Negroes involved in criminal cases.

(3) Ascertain the paper requirements for admission to the Louisiana Bar since about 1925. Until we know with more certainty whether the State Bar will intervene in this case this analysis should be confined to public records that might be in law libraries in the city.

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(4) Examine the litigation concerning gaining Negroes admission to the LSU law school.

(5) Have a look at some of the early civil rights cases in the late 1940s that were initially brought in the state courts.

(6) Check the transcript of the depositions of Mr. Tureaud.

(7) Locate and review the FBI reports pertaining to the two incidents Mr. Tureaud brought to our attention involving Plaquemines Parish. One was the incident involving Mrs. Brown and the other involved the two teachers that were "asked" to do menial labor following Hurricane Betsy. Supplementary investigations by the FBI or by us might be in order.

Frank Dunbaugh suggested that we should examine the Department of Justice file in U. S. v. Fox. He seems to recall that there are investigative reports and depositions pertaining to some of Amides difficulties in Plaquemines Parish.