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TO: All members of A.S.L.H.

FROM: Charles Donahue Jr., Chairman, 1977 ASLH
Program Committee

SUBJECT: Brief Communications at A.S.L.H. Annual Meeting,
Sheraton-Boston Hotel, November 4-5, 1977.

The Program Committee for the 1977 annual meeting decided to invite a number of scholars who had not previously given papers at one of our annual meetings to do so in 1977. A sufficient number of those invited accepted, so that the program for principal papers at the 1977 meeting is now virtually filled.

There remains, however, the brief communications program. Brief communications are designed to inform the Society of new ideas, sources, techniques, work in progress or just completed, and to stimulate the interchange of ideas. They should take no more than ten minutes delivery time. The brief communications will be divided into groups along topic lines, and as many as sixteen to twenty of them can be accommodated at the Friday evening session (and in 1977 there will be no conflicting Presidential debate!).

The Committee believes that the brief communications program affords an excellent opportunity to exchange ideas in a less formal setting than that of the principal papers. It urges members of the Society to consider offering a brief communication at the 1977 meeting. Proposals for brief communications (no more than one single-spaced page) should be sent to Professor G. Edward White, University of Virginia Law School, Charlottesville, Virginia 22901. not later than 15 August, 1977.