MEMO

DATE: February 7, 1980

TO: JUDGES OF THE SUPERIOR COURT

FROM: William A. Yale

SUBJECT: Grand Jury - 1980/1981

Each judge is requested to nominate at least two persons but no more than four for the 1980/1981 Grand Jury. Forms have been prepared and are enclosed for your convenience.

To allow sufficient time to process nominees, please submit your nominations by March 3, 1980.

At a recent meeting of past Presiding Judges and Grand Jury Foremen which was called by Judge Hamrick, the Foremen strongly recommended that candidates for grand jury service be very closely screened as to any health impediments, their interest in serving, availability and objectivity. Al Szal and I will conduct detailed interviews before nomination.

The attached fact sheet for prospective grand jurors is furnished to assist you in discussing some of the questions of interest with prospective grand jurors. Please inform your nominees that the time commitment is a minimum of four days but more likely five days per week for a period of one year.

Nominations should be forwarded to Gerry Stevens, Mail Station C-62. Bill

Enclosure

FACT SHEET FOR PROSPECTIVE GRAND JURORS

The Grand Jury by statute functions primarily in two areas.

It acts as an investigative body with reference to various public agencies and in that regard is assisted by selected County departments under the guidance of the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court. It also serves as an indictment panel in those criminal matters presented to it by the District Attorney's Office. The preponderance of the Grand Jury's time will be spent in it's investigative junction.

In the past few years, the workload of the Grand Jury has increased to the extent that the duties of a Grand Juror will usually take from four to five days per week. Very rarely, if ever, will your time be required on evenings or weekends.

This information is given to you in order that you may discuss these time limitations with your employer or others who may be involved with your time commitments. Should you be unable to serve at least four days per week, it is recommended you defer your potential grand jury service until a later date.

As compensation for your services as a grand juror, you will be paid \$25.00 per day for each day of service and 18¢ per mile for round trip car mileage. You will be reimbursed for your auto parking expenses.