

1 structuring a government and delineating its powers and  
2 limitations.

3 Its provisions have a tremendous psychological  
4 impact upon the citizenry generally, and in a democratic  
5 society the pervasiveness of their influence is such that  
6 they set the tone of public morality and even individual  
7 conduct.

8 We can conceive of no valid reason for not  
9 incorporating the provisions. On the contrary, we feel  
10 the public good will be served by their inclusion.

11 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Sykes, may I ask a question?  
12 How far could a declaration of rights go, in your opinion  
13 or in the opinion of your Council, the Council that you  
14 represent, in the areas of intergroup relations?

15 MR. SYKES: We have said that one of the  
16 clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment which we would like  
17 to see taken over verbatim is the equal protection clause.

18 THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes, but this is a restraint  
19 on state action. Do you feel that it should go further  
20 than restraining state action, in an attempt to somehow  
21 regulate or control intergroup relations or relations