Convention has been divided into committees as provided by the Rules adopted on July 11, 1967. I have to the best of my ability made assignments to these committees with the single-minded purpose of providing the best possible committee organization for the Convention. In doing so, I do not doubt that I have irritated some and disappointed other delegates. For this I am sorry and I sincerely trust that any of you disappointed in receiving the committee assignment which he sought will nevertheless put his shoulder to the wheel and give his all, and I am confident that you will.

To assist the committees as much as possible, we are in the process of providing as capable a staff as we can recruit. Each committee will have assigned to it a full-time staff adviser -- a person who has the educational background and the practical experience to enable him to assist the chairman in planning and guiding the work of the committee and to counsel with and aid the committee in its hearings, in its deliberations and in its drafting. There will also be assigned to each committee a full-time administrative assistant whose duties will be to relieve the chairman and the staff adviser of the purely administrative functions