

1 cannot prevent hundreds of other folks from filing peti-
2 tions. There have to be uniform decisions before the
3 situation could arise. Anyone can file a petition in the
4 District Court's jurisdiction.

5 MR. SYKES: I am not sure that answers the
6 question. I don't know what the answer is.

7 THE CHAIRMAN: I think Mr. Sykes' point would
8 be that if there was only one person or one group who
9 sought to overturn the plan on constitutional grounds
10 and that person or group wanted Federal Court action,
11 he could insure it by going beyond the deadline that you
12 fix in the statute, and he raises the question of whether
13 the deadline is more important than insuring that the
14 State Court have first crack.

15 DR. MICHENER: I would doubt the situation would
16 arise whether only one person would be upset by a redis-
17 tricting system.

18 MR. MARTINEAU: I think we have pretty good
19 of evidence/that in the constitutional districts.

20 THE CHAIRMAN: You want to submit the question,
21 Mr. Sykes?