

1 there now.

2 THE CHAIRMAN: It seems to me Mr. Case's
3 point is well taken. If the Committee is to have any
4 guidance, perhaps we ought to take a few votes on general
5 principles as to what, if any, limitations there ought
6 to be.

7 MRS. BOTHE: Mr. Chairman, I would not accept
8 Mr. Case's statement. I am in no position to debate it,
9 but I think the Committee should advise the Commission
10 as to what the powers of the General Assembly are.

11 Now, Article III, Section 24, which is the one
12 pertaining to the grand inquest does give the General
13 Assembly the power, the House of Delegates the power to
14 subpoena, et cetera. Nowhere else in the existing
15 Constitution is the power referred to, and I think we
16 have all proceeded on the assumption that without a con-
17 stitutional grant, there is at least a doubt that a
18 committee of the General Assembly could issue a valid sub-
19 poena.

20 MR. CASE: I can tell you right now that the
21 Legislative Council has been doing it for a long time.