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TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

I. A SUBJECT OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO YOUNG GIRLS WOULD SEEM TO BE CONSUMER PROTECTION IN ALL OF ITS PHASES. POINT OUT THAT IN ADDITION TO INTERVENING IN COURT CASES ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC, MANY INQUIRIES ARE RECEIVED DAILY FROM PERSONS ALL ACROSS THE STATE.

ALSO, USE EXAMPLES OF INTERVENTION BEFORE THE UTILITIES AND INSURANCE COMMISSIONS WITH SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THOSE CASES IN WHICH THE OFFICE HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN HOLDING DOWN THE LIMITS OF THE INCREASES GRANTED. A GOOD COMPARISON IS WITH THOSE STATES WHICH HAVE NOT HAD A CONSUMER ADVOCATE ON THEIR SIDE.

Finally, you may want to mention the fact that the case against the drug companies is scheduled to begin in Raleigh on July 3I.

- 2. THE POLICE INFORMATION NETWORK IS AN INNOVATION THAT YOUNG PEOPLE SHOULD FIND BOTH INTERESTING AND IMAGINATIVE. IN ADDITION TO A GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BASIC PURPOSE OF PIN, EXAMPLES OF ITS USEFULNESS AND PARTICULARLY EXAMPLES OF HOW IT COULD SAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT LIVES COULD BE USEFUL. (A COPY OF THE BIENNIAL REPORT IS ATTACHED IF YOU SHOULD WANT MORE INFORMATION).
- 3. Many people may not be aware that the State Bureau of Investigation is also under your jurisdiction. The SBI's role with respect to drug abuse and organized crime is certainly an area which can

RELATE DIRECTLY TO YOUNG PEOPLE.

- 4. "Youth and the Law" is a clear example of how both young people and their parents can be better educated with respect to criminal law violations. Since people are always wanting to know what is being done to combat crime, this would appear to be a topic worth mentioning.
- 5. People have heard a great deal about the logjam in our courts. Your efforts in obtaining the services of persons like Dale Johnson to assist solicitors throughout the State is a good example of how the office is trying to alleviate the situation.

OTHER PROPOSALS WHICH YOU MIGHT HAVE IN THIS AREA MIGHT BE HELPFUL, SINCE THIS WOULD SEEM TO BE A LIKELY AREA IN WHICH YOUNG PEOPLE MIGHT WANT TO RAISE QUESTIONS.

6. Finally, other areas in the office that you might want to mention are Bill Drafting and Codification, Charitable Trusts and Estates, Tort Claims, Civil Rights Actions, Extraditions, Writs and Petitions, Lands and Contracts and Collection of Accounts. Also, we act as the legal adviser to the various state agencies and assist city and county attorneys on municipal matters.

These areas of work might be briefly mentioned in order to give the audience a better and more thorough idea of the duties and responsibilities of the Attorney General.