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TO: Luther H. Soules, III, Chairman  
Supreme Court Advisory Committee

All members, Supreme Court Advisory Committee

Justice James P. Wallace, Rules Member,  
Supreme Court of Texas

FROM: Evidence Rules Subcommittee  
Newell H. Blakely, Chairman *NHB*

DATE: September 3, 1986

RE: REPORT ON QUESTION OF POSSIBLE TRANSFER OF RULES 176  
THROUGH 185, TEXAS RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, TO THE  
RULES OF EVIDENCE

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At the March 7-8, 1986 meeting of the Advisory Committee, it was requested that the Evidence Subcommittee consider whether Rules of Civil Procedure 176 through 185 should be repealed and incorporated in the Rules of Evidence.

At the March 7-8, 1986 meeting of the Advisory Committee, the Committee itself decided to recommend to the Court the repeal of Rule 184, Determination of Law of Other States, and of Rule 184a, Determination of the Laws of Foreign Countries, because those two rules already appear as Rules 202 and 203 in the Texas Rules of Evidence. It is assumed that respecting those two rules no action by the Evidence Subcommittee is called for.

With respect to the remaining rules under consideration by the Evidence Subcommittee, the Subcommittee recommends that no change be made. This attitude seems to stem largely from the belief that attorneys using these rules are accustomed to finding them in the Rules of Procedure, that if we leave things where they are now, it takes away all arguments based on the significance of change, and finally that there is no need for change.

