

Mafia Probers Map Plans For Action

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BATON ROUGE (AP)—The administration committee which probed Life magazine allegations of heavy Mafia influence in the executive branch of government now is considering recommendations, it was learned today.

The committee, composed of chief gubernatorial aide W. W. McDougall, state Adj. Gen. David Wade, Public Safety Director William Dent and governor's executive counsel Eugene Murrell met today to consider the matter.

"We didn't make any recommendations before—we're going to make them now," said Wade prior to the meeting in McDougall's office.

THE COMMITTEE on May 1 released its findings on the Life magazine allegations. The report did not deal with the magazine's specific references to Gov. John McKeithen because of McKeithen's \$10 million libel suit against Life. The investigation, in fact,

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was limited to what the committee termed specific rather than general or vague allegations of Mafia influence or misconduct in those areas of government for which McKeithen is directly responsible.

The original committee report did not come to any conclusions nor did it make any recommendations, letting the evidence offered speak for itself.

THE MOVE TO add recommendations to the report comes at a time when the allegations made by Life in its April 10 edition have become the chief issue of the present 60-day session of the Legislature.

Four legislative measures calling for in-depth probes of the charges are now before lawmakers.

A fifth measure dealing with the magazine article already has gained overwhelming House support.