

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 24, 1974

The President Pro Tempore  
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider a proposed supplemental appropriation for the fiscal year 1975 in the amount of \$351,000 for the Judiciary.

This proposal is set forth in the attached appropriation language and the enclosed letter from the Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts dated September 17, 1974. As required by law (28 USC 605), this proposal is being transmitted without change.

Respectfully,

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Honorable Roy Ash  
Director, Office of Management  
and Budget  
New Executive Office Building  
17th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Ash:

I submit for your consideration and for transmittal to the Congress a request for a supplemental appropriation of \$351,000 for the Commission on Revision of the Federal Court Appellate System, to remain available until expended.

The Commission was established by the Act of October 13, 1972, Public Law 92-489 (86 Stat. 807) and was assigned two major objectives, each with its own timetable. The Commission completed a study of the geographical boundaries of the several judicial circuits and on December 18, 1973, filed a report of its recommendations on circuit realignment. The Commission also was charged with the responsibility to study and recommend changes in the "structure and internal procedures of the Federal courts of appeal system." Under the terms of the governing statute, this second assignment was to be completed and a report filed no later than September 21, 1974.

The Senate and the House of Representatives on September 16 approved a bill (S. 3052) which will extend the date for filing of the final report nine months, from September 21, 1974, to June 21, 1975. The Commission shall cease to exist 90 days after the date of its submission of the final report. S. 3052 also increases the sum authorized to be appropriated for the work of the Commission from \$270,000 to \$606,000. The supplemental appropriation request represents the difference between the amount authorized by S. 3052 and the sum of

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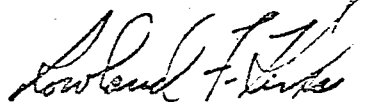
\$255,000 which was made available to the Commission in the Second Supplemental Appropriation Act, 1973, Public Law 93-50.

I have enclosed a statement which reflects the projected total cost of operations, by object classification. The total obligations incurred by the Commission as of August 31, 1974, was \$239,201, which leaves an unobligated balance of less than \$16,000.

It is my understanding that the above referred to Bill will be transmitted to the White House today and it is expected that the President will approve it within the next day or two. It is imperative that additional funds be appropriated for the Commission at an early date. We, therefore, solicit your cooperation in transmitting this request to the Congress as soon as possible.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Rowland F. Kirks  
Director

Enclosure