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The President

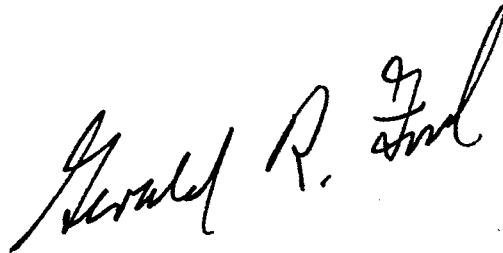
of the Senate

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider proposed supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 1976 in the amount of \$404,000 and for the transition quarter in the amount of \$151,000 for the Judiciary.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Deputy Director of the Administrative Office of the United States Courts. As required by law, these proposals are being transmitted without change.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Gerald R. Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Gerald R. Ford".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS

SUPREME COURT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

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November 17, 1975

WILLIAM E. FOLEY
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Honorable James T. Lynn
Director, Office of Management
and Budget
New Executive Office Building
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Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Lynn:

The Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1975 authorized the appointment of five new full-time magistrates, the conversion of four part-time and one combination position to a full-time status, one new combination position, and four new part-time positions. The Judicial Conference also authorized the discontinuance of fifteen part-time magistrates positions.

The recurring annual cost of the actions taken by the Judicial Conference is estimated at \$604,000 which includes the supporting personnel required to staff the new full-time magistrates. We have included a request for funds for this purpose in our budget for fiscal year 1977, but this will necessarily delay the appointments and other changes in arrangements until October 1, 1976.

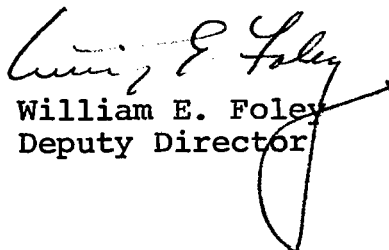
The Federal Magistrates Act authorizes the district courts to assign very important judicial duties to magistrates. One of the major purposes of the legislation is to free the time of judges for the actual trial of cases by transferring some of their other duties to these subordinate judicial officers. The courts, on the whole, are responding very positively to the expressed desire of the Congress by progressively delegating "additional duties" in civil and criminal cases to magistrates. The district courts in fiscal year 1975 experienced very sharp increases in civil and criminal filings, 13 percent and 9 percent, respectively. In view of the increase in filings, the failure of the Congress to create additional district judgeships, and the recent congressional mandate for Speedy Trial of criminal cases, we believe it is imperative that the new magistrates and other changes in arrangements which have been approved by the Judicial Conference be implemented at the earliest possible date.

Honorable James T. Lynn
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We, therefore, submit for your consideration and for transmittal to the Congress requests for supplemental appropriations for "Salaries and Expenses of United States Magistrates" of \$404,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$151,000 for the transition period, July 1 through September 30, 1976. The request for fiscal year 1976 represents a six-month provision and takes into account certain non-recurring expenses. Attached are statements containing the proposed text of the supplemental appropriations and a breakdown of the amounts required by object classification.

Your early attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated as we are anxious to get the request before the Senate Appropriations Committee in time to be included in the Supplemental Appropriations Bill (H.R. 10647) for fiscal year 1976 which was approved by the House on Thursday, November 13, 1975.

Sincerely yours,


William E. Foley
Deputy Director

Enclosures

THE JUDICIARY
COURTS OF APPEALS, DISTRICT COURTS,
AND OTHER JUDICIAL SERVICES

Salaries and Expenses of United States Magistrates

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses of United States magistrates", \$404,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses of United States magistrates" for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976, \$151,000.