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NOTICE TO THE PRESS

The President has signed H. R. 9915 -- Amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence and the Rules of Criminal Procedure. This bill makes both technical and conforming amendments to the Federal Rules of Evidence, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and related provisions of titles 18 and 28 of the U.S. Code.

The bill will both correct numerous grammatical imperfections and incorrect references, and make conforming changes in the Federal Rules of Evidence, in certain provisions of titles 18 and 28 of the U.S. Code related to the Rules of Evidence, and in the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The conforming changes are as follows:

- Rule 410 of the Rules of Evidence is replaced by the language of recently enacted (July 31, 1975) Rule 11(e) (6) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. This does not change the substance of the existing rule, which deals with the admissibility of guilty pleas in civil or criminal actions, but merely conforms its language to that contained in the Rules of Criminal Procedure.
- Sections 3491 and 3492 of title 18, U.S. Code, which deal with the admissibility of foreign documents in criminal trials, is amended by striking existing cross-references to a repealed statute and inserting appropriate references to the Federal Rules of Evidence.
- Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, which deals with the pretrial discovery of evidence, is amended by striking certain sections which are now unnecessary because of recent amendments to the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure by Public Law 94-64.

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