

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 25, 1976

The Speaker of the
House of Representatives

Sir:

I ask the Congress to consider, for the Judiciary, fiscal year 1976 and transition quarter supplemental appropriations and an amendment to 1977 appropriations requested in the 1977 budget. The requests are in these amounts: \$2,313,000 for fiscal year 1976, \$735,000 for the transition quarter, and \$964,000 for fiscal year 1977.

The details of these proposals are set forth in the enclosed letter from the Director of the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts.

As required by law, these requests are transmitted without change.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gerald R. Ford".

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE
UNITED STATES COURTS

SUPREME COURT BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20544

March 11, 1976

ROWLAND F. KIRKS
DIRECTOR

WILLIAM E. FOLEY
DEPUTY DIRECTOR

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

Dear Mr. Lynn:

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 605 of Title 28, United States Code, I submit for your consideration and transmittal to the Congress requests for supplemental appropriations for the Judiciary for fiscal year 1976 and the transition quarter, as well as an amendment for fiscal year 1977 as indicated in the attached schedules.

Fees of Jurors

With regard to "Fees of Jurors," the supplemental requests of \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$500,000 for the transition quarter are based on payments of juror fees and allowances for the first eight months of fiscal year 1976 which averaged 14 percent over the same period of fiscal year 1975. If this trend continues, our obligations for fiscal year 1976 will approximate \$20,000,000, or \$2,000,000 in excess of the amount presently available. There has been an increased use of grand juries as a result of the enactment of Speedy Trial legislation. We have also experienced an increase in petit jury trials which is due to an effort by the courts to reduce their backlog of criminal cases.

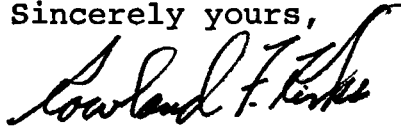
Salaries and Expenses of Referees

With regard to "Salaries and Expenses of Referees," the supplemental requests of \$313,000 for fiscal year 1976 and \$235,000 for the transition quarter, and the amendment to the fiscal year 1977 budget increasing our pending request by \$964,000, are required to fund statutory increases provided by Public Law 94-217, approved on February 27, 1976. This Act raised the salaries of full-time bankruptcy judges from \$33,200 to \$37,800, effective March 1, 1976. The supplemental requests and the amendment represent increases in compensation and benefits under the Act.

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We would appreciate your giving this matter your early attention. It is imperative that the funds be made available before the end of the fiscal year to obviate deficiencies which may force a suspension of jury trials and defer the payment of the salaries of bankruptcy judges.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rowland F. Kirks".

Rowland F. Kirks
Director

Enclosures

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

(Proposed supplementals for 1976 and the transition quarter)

Fees of Jurors

For an additional amount for "Fees of jurors", \$2,000,000.

For an additional amount for "Fees of jurors" \$500,000, for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976.

Salaries and Expenses of Referees

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses of referees", \$313,000.

For an additional amount for "Salaries and expenses of referees" \$235,000, for the period July 1, 1976, through September 30, 1976.

(Proposed 1977 amendment)

Budget appendix page	Heading	1977 request pending	1977 proposed amendment	1977 revised request
54	Salaries and expenses of referees	\$31,445,000	\$964,000	\$32,409,000