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MEMORANDUM TO L. RALPH MECHAM

SUBJECT: Implementation of Title III of the Biden Bill, the
"Federal Courts Study Committee Implementation Act
of 1990"

As you requested in your memorandum of November 6, I am advising you of our follow-up actions. The Court Administration Division was assigned responsibility for the implementation of two sections of the Federal Courts Study Committee Implementation Act of 1990 (Title III of the Biden bill) which was signed by the President on December 1, 1990.

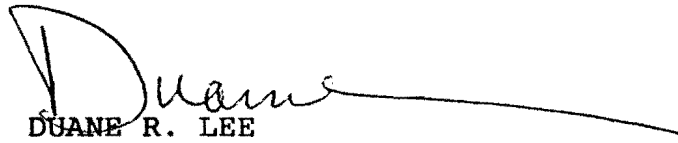
Section 314(b) of that bill increased the fee paid to grand and petit jurors from \$30 to \$40 per day. On November 21, 1990, through the use of the Clerk's Advisory Committee's fax tree, clerks were notified of the provision raising witness and juror fees and provided a copy of the appropriate text of the legislation. At that time the clerks were further notified that they would be advised of the effective date to begin paying the increased juror fees as soon as that information became available. In a letter dated December 4, 1990 all district court clerks were notified that the bill had been signed and effective December 1, 1990, the attendance fee paid to grand and petit jurors increased from \$30 to \$40 per day. This letter was immediately disseminated through the clerk's fax tree and will also be distributed through a normal mailing. In addition, the clerks were notified that the amendment to 28 U.S.C. § 1871 (b) also provided for an additional fee increase, at the discretion of the judicial officer, of up to \$10 per day to both petit and grand jurors who are required to attend over 30 and 45 days of trial or hearings respectively.

Section 324 of the bill amended three sections of Title 28. 28 U.S.C. § 108 was amended to establish Ely and Lovelock as places of holding court in the District of Nevada. Title 28 U.S.C. § 112(a) was amended to establish Watertown as a place of holding court in the Northern District of New York. Title 28

Mr. L. Ralph Mecham

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U.S.C. § 122 was amended to revise division lines in the District of South Dakota. Letters notifying the Chief Judges of the affected circuit and district courts have been prepared for your signature.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Duane R. Lee", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

DUANE R. LEE