CHAMBERS OF THOMAS C. PLATT CHIEF JUDGE United States District Court Rastern District of New York 225 Cadnum Plaza Kast Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

December 30, 1991

L. Ralph Mecham, Director Administrative Office of the United States Courts Lafayette Building - Room 723 811 Vermont Avenue, N. W. Washington, D. C. 20544

Dear Mr. Mecham:

Enclosed is a copy of the Final Report of our Court's Advisory Group appointed in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 472 and § 478, and our Court's Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan adopted on December 17, 1991 on the basis of such Report.

I trust you will find this combined effort of our Judges and distinguished members of the bar and our lay citizens to be interesting and informative.

If we had more Judges and space in which to house them, I can state with a reasonable degree of certainty that the recommended proposals in the Report adopted in the Plan would contribute to a reduction in the cost and delay of civil cases in our Court, but without the same, our current filings and backlogs of felony criminal cases, as the Report points out, substantially impair the achievement of that highly desireable objective.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas C. Platt Chief Judge

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