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Mr. L. Ralph Mecham
Director
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RE: Appointment of Advisory
Group under §478 of the
Civil Justice Reform Act

Dear Mr. Mecham:

As you are aware, Section 478 of the Civil Justice Reform Act requires that the chief judge of each district appoint an advisory group by March 1, 1991.

Unfortunately, the District Court of Guam does not have a judge at this time. Senior Judge Cristobal C. Duenas, the only judge for the District Court of Guam, retired on January 31, 1991, and no replacement judge has been appointed. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals has been sending various District and Circuit judges to Guam to serve as designated judges for our District.

Under the circumstances, this Court will be unable to comply with the mandatory requirement of §478 of the Civil Justice Reform Act until such time as Judge Duenas' successor is appointed by the President of the United States.

If you need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Mary L. M. Moran
Clerk of Court

cc: Duane Lee, Chief
Court Administration Division

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