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L. RALPH MECHAM
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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

I am pleased to present the *Long Range Plan for the Federal Courts* approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States. Although it is based in large part on the *Proposed Long Range Plan* submitted by the Committee on Long Range Planning in March 1995, this version of the *Plan* includes a number of substantive and technical revisions among its recommendations, implementation strategies, and supplemental text.

Judicial Conference approval of the *Long Range Plan* extends **only** to the 93 recommendations and 76 implementation strategies. All other text in the *Plan*, including commentary on the approved items, serves to explain the drafters' reasoning and provide background information but does not necessarily reflect the views of the Judicial Conference.

As the federal judiciary faces the challenges of the next century, the *Long Range Plan* will provide an integrated vision and valuable framework for policy making and administrative decisions by the Conference, its committees, and other judicial branch authorities. While continuing to reflect our shared, enduring values, the specific goals and objectives set forth in the *Plan* can be expected to evolve as necessary to meet the needs of a changing world.

Any questions about the *Long Range Plan* can be directed to the Long Range Planning Office, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, at (202) 273-1810.

/s/

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