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THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE UNITED STATES Presiding JAMES C. DUFF Secretary

MEMORANDUM

To: The Chief Justice of the United States and the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court

From: James C. Duff

RE: TRANSMITTAL OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE FEDERAL RULES OF CIVIL PROCEDURE

By direction of the Judicial Conference of the United States, pursuant to the authority conferred by 28 U.S.C. § 331, I transmit herewith for consideration of the Court a proposed amendment to Rule C of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, which was approved by the Judicial Conference at its March 2007 session. The Judicial Conference recommends that the amendment be approved by the Court and transmitted to the Congress pursuant to law.

For your assistance in considering the proposed amendments and new rule, I am transmitting an excerpt from the Report of the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure to the Judicial Conference as well as the Report of the Advisory Committee on the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

Attachments