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Neal, can you please confirm these numbers -- the article will not include the Jan. 23 numbers after all. thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: P6/b(6)

Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2002 1:35 PM

To: Newstead, Jennifer

Subject: Re: Letter

Here is the paragraph that contains our numbers. (Note the last sentence which is new and is intended to deal with the issue you raised).

As you are well aware, when the Senate adjourned on December 20, there were 94 vacancies in the federal judiciary, 18 of which have been designated as judicial emergencies. Since May 2001, President George W. Bush has nominated

65 men and women to fill these vacancies. The President's nominees are a diverse group of eminently well-qualified lawyers who share the President's commitment to the Constitution, the administration of justice, and the rule of law. Nevertheless, on December 20, the Senate had confirmed only 28 of these nominees--a record low confirmation rate. As of this date there are 37

more nominations pending before you (23 to the U.S. Courts of Appeal and 14 to the U.S. District Courts). Of these, the Senate has yet to schedule hearings for 32 of the nominees. As the vacancies continue to mount, the situation can only worsen.

Please let me know ASAP if we are on target.

Thanks you, thank you, thank you!

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