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May 8, 2003

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

Mitchell E. Daniels, Jr. MED A

Director

SUBJECT:

Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Facilitating the Administration

of Justice in the Federal Courts"

<u>SUMMARY</u>: This memorandum forwards for your consideration a proposed executive order that was prepared by the Counsel to the President. The proposed order would direct the Counsel to the President to take appropriate steps to promote the prompt appointment of judges to the federal courts.

<u>BACKGROUND</u>: The presidential plan announced on October 30, 2002 calls for the timely consideration of judicial nominees, with the President to submit a nomination to fill a vacancy in United States courts of appeal and district courts within 180 days after the President learns of a vacancy or announced retirement.

The proposed executive order would direct the Counsel to the President to take all appropriate steps to ensure that the President is in a position to make timely nominations consistent with this plan.

<u>VIEWS OF AFFECTED AGENCIES AND STAFF</u>: The following executive departments and agencies and White House Offices do not object to the proposed executive order: (a) the Department of Justice; and (b) NSC, USTR, OSTP, OA, ONDCP, and the White House Offices of DPC, CEA, NEC, CEQ, Communications and Speechwriting, Legislative Affairs, Cabinet Affairs, Intergovernmental Affairs, Homeland Security, Presidential Personnel, Staff Secretary's Office, White House Counsel's Office, and OVP.

<u>RECOMMENDATION</u>: I recommend that you sign the proposed executive order.

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## U.S. Department of Justice

## Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the Deputy Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

May 8, 2003

The President,

The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a proposed Executive Order entitled "Facilitating the Administration of Justice in the Federal Courts." The proposed Executive Order was prepared by the Office of the Counsel to the President. The Office of Management and Budget, with the approval of the Director, has forwarded it to this Department for review of its form and legality.

The proposed Executive Order is approved with respect to form and legality.

Respectfully,

Joan L. Larsen

Deputy Assistant Attorney General



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Washington, D.C. 20530

May 8, 2003

#### **MEMORANDUM**

Re: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Facilitating the Administration of Justice in the Federal Courts"

The attached proposed Executive Order was prepared by the Office of the Counsel to the President. The Office of Management and Budget, with the approval of the Director, has forwarded it to this Department for review with respect to form and legality.

On October 30, 2002, the President announced a plan for the timely consideration of nominees to fill vacancies in United States courts of appeals and district courts, with the President submitting a nomination to fill such a vacancy within 180 days after the President learns of a vacancy or announced retirement, absent extraordinary circumstances. The proposed Executive Order would direct the Counsel to the President to take all appropriate steps to ensure that the President is in a position to make timely nominations for judicial vacancies consistent with this plan. All federal departments and agencies are charged with assisting the Counsel to the President, as requested and permitted by law, in the implementation of this Order. Finally, the Order provides that nothing in the Order shall be construed to affect the authority to fill vacancies under clause 3 of section 2 of article II of the Constitution.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

GENERAL COUNSEL

May 8, 2003

Honorable John Ashcroft United States Attorney General Washington, D.C. 20503

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Enclosed, in accordance with Executive Order 11030, as amended, is a proposed executive order that was prepared by the Counsel to the President. The proposed order would direct the Counsel to the President to take appropriate steps to promote the prompt appointment of judges to the federal courts.

The presidential plan announced on October 30, 2002 calls for the timely consideration of judicial nominees, with the President to submit a nomination to fill a vacancy in United States courts of appeal and district courts within 180 days after the President learns of a vacancy or announced retirement.

The proposed executive order would direct the Counsel to the President to take all appropriate steps to ensure that the President is in a position to make timely nominations consistent with this plan.

None of the affected agencies objects to the proposed executive order.

Your staff may direct any questions concerning the proposed executive order to Mr. Mac Reed of this office at 395-3563.

This proposed executive order has the approval of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,

Philip J. Perry

General Counsel

Enclosure

#### SS/ RM NO.

WHITE HOUSE STAFFING MEMORANDUM Date: 5-8-03 3:45 pm ACTION / CONCURRENCE / COMMENT DUE BY: ASAP PROPOSED EXECUTIVE ORDER ENTITLED "FACILITATING THE Subject: ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE FEDERAL COURTS" **ACTION ACTION FYI** FYI Comment VICE PRESIDENT **HAGIN** П П OK 14 HOBBS CARD **ABBOT** П П **MARBURGER** П П **MIERS** BARTLETT NC MONTGOMERY **BLAKEMAN** BOLTEN NC V 77 **POWELL** П П **BRIDGELAND** CONNAUGHTON 7 **ROVE** SPELLINGS PULCE П DANIELS M **CLERK FLEISCHER FRIEDMAN**  $\Box$ П **GAMBATESA** П the Mark **GERSON** П П П **GONZALES** 

#### **REMARKS:**

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**RESPONSE:** 

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Harriet, Tim and Mac: Attached are the OLC form and legality memorandum and letter for the revised version of the Executive Order entitled "Facilitating the Administration of Justice in the Federal Courts.".



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# # 13300

# FACILITATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE FEDERAL COURTS

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to promote the prompt appointment of judges to the Federal courts, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. The Federal courts play a central role in the American justice system. For the Federal courts to function effectively, judicial vacancies in those courts must be filled in a timely manner with well-qualified candidates.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

May 9, 2003.

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# OFFICE OF THE VICE PRESIDENT WASHINGTON

May 8, 2003

# MEMORANDUM FOR BRETT KAVANAUGH

SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND SENIOR

ASSOCIATE COUNSEL

FROM:

JOE LEVENTHAL JC

DEPUTY STAFF SECRETARY TO THE VICE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT:

PROPOSED E.O. ENTITLED "FACILITATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE

FEDERAL COURTS"

As an amendment to our previously submitted memorandum on the above-referenced draft, the Office of the Vice President recommends the changes on the attached copy.

**Harriet Miers** cc:

**Staff Secretary** 

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FROM: JOE LEVENTHAL <>

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PROPOSED E.O. ENTITLED "FACILITATING **SUBJECT:** 

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The Office of the Vice President has reviewed the above-referenced draft and has no comments.

Harriet Miers cc:

**Staff Secretary** 

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Condoleezza Rice

Assistant to the President

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From:

Wilkie, Robert L. (LEGISLATIVE)

Sent:

Thursday, May 08, 2003 5:36 PM

To: Subject: Hearn, Elizabeth A. (RECORDS); @Legislative Affairs; @West Wing Desk

RE: WHR 4464 - Proposed EO Entitled "Facilitating the Administration of Justice in the Federal Courts" [UNCLASSIFIED, Record]

### Concur

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From:

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Sent:

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To:

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Subject:

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Importance: High

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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MEMORANDUM FOR MITCHELL DANIELS

FROM: ALBERTO R. GONZALES

RE: DRAFT EXECUTIVE ORDER ON JUDICIAL APPOINTMENTS PROCESS

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# MEMORANDUM FOR DESIGNATED AGENCY HEADS (SEE ATTACHED DISTRIBUTION LIST)

FROM: Mac Reed mo

Assistant General Counsel

SUBJECT: Proposed Executive Order Entitled "Facilitating the Administration of Justice in

the Federal Courts"

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On behalf of the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, this office is collecting input on this proposal. Please communicate any comments or objections to Mr. Mac Reed (phone 202-395-3563; fax 202-395-7294; or e-mail: <a href="mailto:mreed@oinb.eop.gov">mreed@oinb.eop.gov</a>) by cob today, Wednesday, May 7, 2003. Please be advised that agencies not responding by that date will be recorded as not objecting to this proposal.

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#### EXECUTIVE ORDER

FACILITATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE FEDERAL COURTS

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Harriet, Tim and Mac: Attached are the OLC form and legality memorandum and letter for the revised version of the Executive Order entitled "Facilitating the Administration of Justice in the Federal Courts.".



#### U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Counsel

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

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#### EXECUTIVE ORDER

## FACILITATING THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE FEDERAL COURTS

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and in order to promote the prompt appointment of judges to the Federal courts, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. Policy. The Federal courts play a central role in the American justice system. For the Federal courts to function effectively, judicial vacancies in those courts must be filled in a timely manner with well-qualified candidates.

- Sec. 2. Plan. The presidential plan announced on October 30, 2002, calls for timely consideration of judicial nominees, with the President submitting a nomination to fill a vacancy in United States courts of appeals and district courts within 180 days after the President receives notice of a vacancy or intended retirement, absent extraordinary circumstances.
- Sec. 3. Responsibilities. The Counsel to the President shall take all appropriate steps to ensure that the President is in a position to make timely nominations for judicial vacancies consistent with this plan. All Federal departments and agencies shall assist, as requested and permitted by law, in the implementation of this order.
- Sec. 4. Reservation of Authority. Nothing in this order shall be construed to affect the authority of the President to fill vacancies under clause 3 of section 2 of article II of the Constitution.
- Sec. 5. Judicial Review. This order is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government and is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit,

substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by a party against the United States, its departments, agencies, instrumentalities or entities, its officers or employees, or any other person.

THE WHITE HOUSE,

May 9, 2003.