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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

IN THE MATTER OF THE                    )  
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DIVISION OF COURT BUSINESS        )           O R D E R

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 United States Code, Section 137, it is hereby agreed and ordered by the undersigned active judges of this court that the division of this court's business among said judges shall be made as follows:

1. All civil, criminal and other proceedings filed at Tacoma, Washington, shall be assigned to Judge George H. Boldt.
2. All civil, criminal and other proceedings filed at Seattle, Washington, shall be assigned as follows:  
 To Judge William J. Lindberg, Judge William T. Beeks, and Judge William N. Goodwin, each:  
 1/3 of all criminal cases; including appeals from commissioners/magistrates;  
 1/3 of all proceedings under Rules 7, 20, and 40, F.R.Cr.P.;  
 30% of all civil cases, including those where venue lies at Bellingham; bankruptcy reviews, and Chapter X, XI and XII bankruptcy proceedings, but excluding habeas corpus petitions.

1 To Judge George H. Boldt:

2 10% of all civil cases, including those where  
3 venue lies at Bellingham; bankruptcy  
4 reviews, and Chapter X, XI and XII  
5 bankruptcy proceedings, but excluding  
6 habeas corpus petitions.

7 3. In addition to the foregoing:

8 A. Judge William J. Lindberg, as Chief Judge,  
9 shall be responsible for the call and discharge of grand  
10 juries and the return of indictments.

11 B. Judge William J. Lindberg shall handle  
12 petitions for admission to the bar of this court, if  
13 available, otherwise to be heard by any other judge of this  
14 court.

15 C. Judge William N. Goodwin shall handle all  
16 habeas corpus petitions filed at Seattle, whether or not  
17 addressed to a named judge, and all naturalization  
18 proceedings at Seattle, including contested petitions, it  
19 being understood that all matters referred to in this  
20 paragraph are, and for many years have been, the  
21 responsibility of the judge who is junior in seniority.

22 D. Judge William T. Beeks shall be responsible  
23 for the call and qualification of petit jurors; all claims  
24 for wages and effects of deceased and deserting seamen;  
25 and unassigned ex parte matters.

26 4. Proceedings under Section 2255, Title 28 United  
27 States Code, shall be assigned to and handled by the judge  
28 who imposed the sentence involved.

29 5. If immediate action is necessary in any case or  
30 proceeding assigned to a particular judge and that judge is  
31 unavailable for any reason, any other judge may hear and  
32 dispose of the matter requiring immediate attention, but such  
33 action shall not constitute reassignment of the case or  
34 proceeding.

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2           6. When civil or criminal actions involving a common  
3 question of law and fact are assigned to different judges  
4 and it appears to the Clerk that there may be good reason  
5 to assign all of said actions to one judge, the Clerk shall  
6 notify the judge to whom the first case was assigned who  
7 shall make the determination as to whether the subsequent  
8 actions should be assigned to him.

9           7. As to any other matter or proceeding not provided  
10 for under this division of business order, the Clerk shall  
11 refer the same to Judge Lindberg for assignment or  
12 disposition.

13           8. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, each of  
14 the judges of this court shall have and perform any and all  
15 of the authority and duty otherwise by law conferred upon  
16 him to hear, try, and dispose of any and all of the cases,  
17 matters and business of this court when he consents to do so.

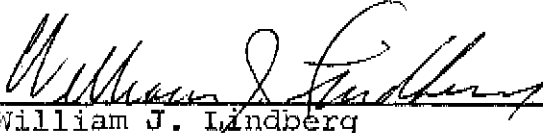
18           9. All conflicting orders concerning the division of  
19 the court's business heretofore entered are vacated by this  
20 order.


21           10. This order shall be effective as of October 1, 1970  
22 and remain in force until rescinded.

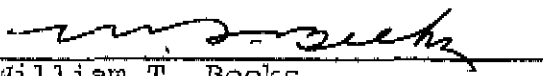
23           11. Civil cases assigned during the month of October,  
24 1970 shall remain undisturbed. However, during the month  
25 of November, 1970, and thereafter, if necessary, the Clerk  
26 shall credit assignments made to any judge during the month  
27 of October, 1970 which are in excess of such judge's share  
28 of the business as provided herein, and off-set them  
29 against filings made during November, 1970 which would  
30 ordinarily be assigned to said judge, to the end that the  
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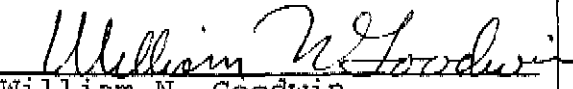
1 division of business set forth in this order shall be  
2 accomplished at the earliest possible date.

3 DATED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1970.  
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7 William J. Lindberg  
8 United States District Judge

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10 William T. Beeks  
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