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LEGAL FIELD LETTER

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SUBJECT: MULTILITHED FORMS OF PLEADINGS.

It has been suggested frequently that time and stenographic services will be saved by using printed forms of pleadings in consent judgment cases.

The Division has determined to try out the use of such printed forms. Accordingly, there will be sent shortly to each Regional Attorney multilithed forms of a Complaint, Stipulation and judgment containing the usual provisions which are now included in the model forms of pleadings.

Caution must be exercised in using these forms. When their use was first proposed, the Division considered two principal objections thereto: first, that their use might encourage insufficient review of pleadings and, second, that their use might create an unfavorable impression upon or be objected to by Judges or other court officers.

Regional Attorneys should therefore observe particular care in these two respects. The blanks in the forms should be filled in properly.

If meticulous care is employed in using the forms, any incorrect inference on the part of Judges or other court officers that these cases are handled in a routine manner or on a "wholesale basis" will be avoided.

For the purpose of trying out the procedure only the usual form of pleadings is being multilithed; namely, pleadings based on violations of Section 6, 7, 11(c), 15(a)(1), 15(a)(2) and 15(a)(5). If the results warrant, variations of these pleadings will be printed for use in the other usual types of cases. The use of the above mentioned forms should therefore be restricted to cases which are proper upon the facts for their use.

Where a court expresses any objection to the use of the printed pleadings, they should **not** be used.

We should appreciate your comments or suggestions regarding the use of these forms.

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