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TO: ALL JUSTICES OF THE PEACE, STATE OF DELAWARE  
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FROM: WILLIAM F. RICHARDSON  
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DATE: DECEMBER 13, 1991

RE: RESUMPTION OF EXTENDED HOURS AT 16-HOUR COURTS

As you know, the Justice of the Peace Courts lost a large number of employees during the last fiscal year due in large part to the Early Retirement Option (ERO). This personnel shortage resulted in the reduction of the hours of operation at Justice of the Peace Courts Nos. 2 (Lewes), 4 (Seaford), 10 (Prices Corner) and 15 (Penny Hill).

This fall, the Court has been able to hire and train new clerks so that the extended hours at these Courts can now be restored. Accordingly, effective January 2, 1991, the hours of operation for the affected Courts will be as follows:

Monday and Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Tuesday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. - Midnight

J. P. Court No. 2 (Lewes)  
J. P. Court No. 4 (Seaford)  
J. P. Court No. 15 (Penny Hill)

Monday through Saturday: 8:00 a.m. - Midnight

J. P. Court No. 10 (Prices Corner)

It is my hope that these Justice of the Peace Courts will be able to maintain these hours through the next fiscal year. However, if further budget cuts are imposed on our Courts next July, not only will it be impossible to maintain these expanded hours of operation, but some Courts may have to be closed completely. With that caveat, this schedule will remain in effect until further notice.

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cc: The Honorable Andrew D. Christie  
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