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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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IN RE:)	MISC. NUMBER	<u>m88-3</u>
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PROSECUTION OF MISDEMEANOR)		
OFFENSES WHICH OCCUR ON)		
MILITARY BASES WITHIN THE)		
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA)	<u>ORDER</u>	

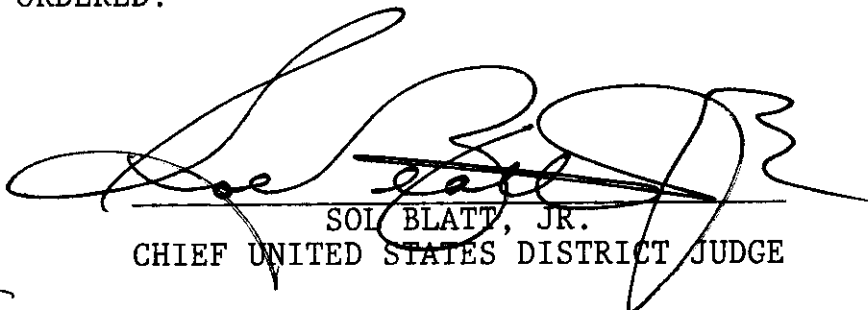
On April 9, 1986, this Court approved a procedure for the prosecution of petty offenses occurring on various military installations in the District of South Carolina, by Special Assistant United States Attorneys appointed specifically for that purpose. Those petty offenses were to be prosecuted before United States Magistrates of this Court.

The Court is informed and believes that the procedures approved almost two years ago have functioned well and the Court is therefore persuaded to expand the category of cases which may be prosecuted from petty offenses to the full misdemeanor jurisdiction of the United States Magistrates of this Court. The Court is cognizant that the right to jury trial attaches to misdemeanors above the level of petty offense. The Court has the utmost confidence in its Magistrates to preside over jury trials.

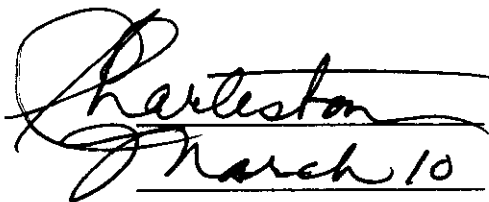
The Clerk of Court is requested to track all such misdemeanor jury trials, to determine the impact, if any, of these cases on the District's jury calendar.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

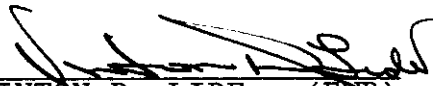
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SOL BLATT, JR.
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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March 10 , 1988

SO MOVE:


VINTON D. LIDE (EWR)
UNITED STATES ATTORNEY

February 8, 1988

