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The Committee who drafted the SEC Report was hand picked by the Chief Justice. Those on the Committee are highly respected individuals who took their job seriously and published an excellent work product detailing numerous problems with the AOC and offered various recommendations to remedy the problems. A real "leader" would have read that report, taken it to heart and admitted mistakes. Instead the Chief and the great majority of the members of the Judicial Council (also hand picked) have elected to marginalize the report and bury it. It is a testimony to the bench officers of this state that so many of us have come forward urging the Judicial Council to immediately endorse the SEC report and begin implementation. I would hope the Judicial Council would learn from past political history and realize that the SEC report is only a symbol of an AOC that is terribly troubled. (How many employees have left???) One can not help but think about President Richard Nixon's executive dismissal of independent special prosecutor Archibald Cox in 1973.