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List two branches of government that were missing under the Articles of Confederation.

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2. Second missing branch:

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Part 3: Analysis, Evaluation, and Creation

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