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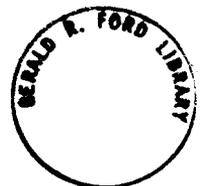
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP W. BUCHEN
FROM: DOUGLAS P. BENNETT *DPB*
SUBJECT: Attachment

Phil, I am attaching draft copies of letters for your consideration which you may wish to use in responding to all mail to the White House regarding the Supreme Court nomination. Your auto-pen will be prepared for you today. We will forward all mail to Eva for disposition as you deem appropriate.

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DRAFT FOR PHIL BUCHEN ON THE SUPREME COURT

Dear _____:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent correspondence in which you recommend that _____ be appointed as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

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The President appreciates your thoughtful recommendation(s), and he ~~has~~ given it (them) careful consideration. You can be sure that the President is resolved that the person he appoints shall be from among those who have excellent judgment and intellectual strength and who are most qualified in every other respect to assume the highly important responsibilities of a Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

We are grateful for your interest in expressing your views on this matter to the President.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

DRAFT RESPONSE FOR GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT

Dear _____ :

The President has asked me to thank you for your correspondence concerning _____ (1) or (2) _____.

The President is carefully considering a number of individuals for appointment to this most critical post. Your views on this are most helpful to the President. It is obvious that you share his concern that the appointment to the Supreme Court be an individual of demonstrated ability and intellectual competence to assume the great responsibilities of this office.

We are grateful that you took the time to share your views with us.

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WASHINGTON

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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November 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: KEN LAZARUS
FROM: ED SCHMULTS



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[ca. 11/21/75]

Mr. Schmitts

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Buchen
asked if you'd
take a look at
this and then
call Doug Bennett
and see if he
agrees and then
the other letters
can be adapted
to that.

E. J.



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^{President}
The ~~consideration~~ has given consideration
to ~~all of~~.

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You may be sure that the
President will, after having
excellent ~~good~~ judgment and
intellectual ^{integrity & strength} ~~strength & integrity~~
and ^{who} is ~~otherwise well~~ qualified in
every other respect

The President has given careful
consideration to your recommendation(s),
along with those he has received
from many other concerned citizens.
You may be sure that the President

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The President appreciates your
thoughtful recommendation(s),
and he has given it (them)
careful consideration. You can
be sure that ^{the} President will seek is resolved
that the person ^{no} appoints shall be from among those
who ^{have} ~~are~~ excellent judgment and
intellectual ~~integrity~~ and strength
and who ^{are most} ~~is~~ qualified in every
other respect to assume the
highly important responsibilities
of a Justice of The Supreme
Court of the United States.

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We are grateful that ^{your} interest
in ~~making known~~ expressing
your views on this matter to the President.

DRAFT FOR PHIL BUCHEN ON THE SUPREME COURT

has given consideration to all of the recommendations

Dear _____:

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The President is carefully considering a number of individuals for appointment to the bench of the Nation's highest court. Your thoughtful recommendation of _____ is most helpful to the President. *It is clear* that you share his view that the person appointed should be an individual of demonstrated ability, ~~great intellectual capacity~~ and qualified in every respect to assume the enormous responsibilities of an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. *highly important*

We are grateful that you took the time to make this recommendation.

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Your interest and recommendation shows that you share the President's view of the

who be excellent judgment of strength and intellectual integrity

You may be over the President's

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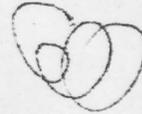
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*Supreme
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Supreme Ct.

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP W. BUCHEN

FROM: MARK O. DECKER

SUBJECT: Rolland Elliot's response
letters re: Justice Stevens;
pro, con, & pre-nomination

Attached for your approval are three draft responses prepared by Rolland Elliot's office for the purpose of answering correspondence relating to Justice Stevens.

Attachments

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Prior to Supreme Court nomination of
Judge John Paul Stevens

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

, 1975

Dear /s/

It was thoughtful of you to share with
the President your recommendation for
his choice of a new Associate Justice of
the Supreme Court.

As you know, after careful and thorough
consideration of a wide range of views
from Americans in both private and public
life, the President ~~has~~ nominated Judge
John Paul Stevens, United States Circuit
Judge for the Seventh Circuit Court of
Appeals in Chicago to fill the vacancy
on the Supreme Court. Judge Stevens, *who has now been*
has had an outstanding legal career, *Sworn*
and President Ford is confident he ~~will~~
bring to the Supreme Court personal and
professional qualities of the highest
order.

Your views on this important decision
are welcome.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

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RLE-143 (1st Rev)

RE: CON Supreme Court nomination

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 5, 1975

Dear /s/

Thank you for sharing with the President your thoughts on his choice of a new Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

President Ford nominated Judge John Paul Stevens to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Court after a careful and thorough consideration of a wide range of views from Americans in both private and public life. Judge Stevens, ^{who has not been} ~~has~~ had an outstanding legal career, and the President is confident he ~~will~~ bring to the Court personal and professional qualities of the highest order.

Your views on this important decision are welcome.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

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RLE 143A

RE: Pro Supreme Court nomination

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

, 1975

Dear /s/

It was thoughtful of you to share with the President your thoughts for his choice of a new Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Judge John Paul Stevens has had an outstanding legal career, and President Ford is confident he ~~will~~ bring to the Supreme Court personal and professional qualities of the highest order.

Your views on this important decision are welcome, and the President appreciates your support.

Sincerely,

Roland L. Elliott
Director of Correspondence

/s/
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