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December 29, 1975

Mr. Thomas Ford Legislative Audit Coordinator Senate Fiscal Agency Stoddard Building, 2nd Floor Lansing, Michigan 48902

Dear Mr. Ford:

I thought you might like to know the results of a recent opinion poll conducted in my legislative district.

Among the questions asked was whether or not they approved or disapproved of the way President Ford was performing his duties.

> 58% approved 33% disapproved

The breakdown by age was very interesting:

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17-34 years	61% approved
35-54 years	66% approved
55 and over	45% approved

The poll was by telephone calls to 200 homes randomly selected throughout the district.

Sincerely,

NËST W. NASH

State Representative

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## A NEW DAY FOR AMERICA



aid Political Advertisement

Date: SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 1976. Time: 2 p.m. Location; CHARLESTON, S.C. Holiday Inn — Downtown Meeting Street at Calhoun Street

I want to extend to you a personal invitation to join with me and thousands of other citizens like yourself all across this great nation in a crusade to restore the real America.

On JANUARY 11, 1976 at 2:00 p.m. in your community, a personal representative of my campaign will meet with interested individuals to bring you a message of concern to all Americans who love this country dearly.

We are holding these meetings in cities and towns all across the country. These meetings are to inform you on what we are doing to bring about *A New Day For America*.

If you share our concern on such matters as forced busing, constant taxation on the average citizen, welfare loafing, foreign aid giveaways, decaying moral standards, unemployment, crime in the streets, soft courts, uncaring judges and many other issues of concern to you, please attend this meeting. And, bring your family, friends and neighbors.

This grassroots meeting is so important to our total effort. It is at the grassroots where all our efforts must start if we are to change what is happening to America in 1976.

- America will be saved only by men and women who are not afraid to stand up and speak out for what they believe is right.

This faith in you, the People, is one reason why I am running for President.

Please do your part, by attending this important grassroots meeting, to build the foundation for *A New Day For America*.

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### Supreme Court sage sees law-and-order man

# MSU's Spaeth disputes

#### By TIM KENNY Staff Writer

U.S. Supreme Court nominee John Paul Stevens is decidedly not the "centrist" he has been painted as being, says a Michigan State University professor, but is a rock-ribbed conservative who is "certainly no friend of women, juveniles or blacks," with "very much a law and order posture."MSU political science professor Harold Spaeth — who has accurately predicted high court decisions 92.6 per cent of the time over the last three years — says flatly that Stevens "will not be a "centrist" as some court watchers claim," but will "be a law and order man."

STEVENS, NOMINATED by President Ford to the Supreme Court spot left vacant by the resignation of Justice William Douglas, is currently a federal appeals court judge in Chicago. He was appointed to that post in 1970 by former President Richard Nixon."I did a careful analysis over the weekend." Spaeth said, "and I strongly disagree with reports in the media that Stevens is a 'centrist.' He's going to fit very nicely with the conservative block of the court."In addition, says Spaeth. "he will rationalize that the rights of society outweigh the rights of the individual. He would be anti-equality — such things as sex and race discrimination, poverty law, issues pertaining to those sorts of things.

"THIS IS not a person who would be expanding due process, search and seizure, things of this nature," said Spaeth. The MSU political scientist came to his conclusions after an evaluation of Stevens' record on the appeals court and his background, concentrating on how the nominee deals with what Spaeth calls "the three major values of freedom, equality and New Deal economics."Spaeth says that 85 per cent of the high court's decisions can be explained by an analysis of these three values, and Stevens, Spaeth believes, will fall into step with the pro-business, anti-labor Nixon appointees already on the Supreme Court.

"STEVENS WILL fit in with (Justice Lewis) Powell and (Justice Harry) Blackmun," Spaeth said. "Over all I do not expect creative decisions from this court. I don't feel there will be a whole sale overturning of Warren Court precedents but I think we'll see safe, cautious, conservative decisions that maintain the status quo."Spaeth also said he believes Betty Ford's public pronouncements that she'd like to see a

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# Stevens' centrist label

woman nominated by her husband may have helped end any chance for such an appointment."Betty Ford sounded off strongly about her preference," Spaeth said. "I Think it's fine to have a woman with a mind of her own and not one who's a plastic appendage of the President.

"BUT BY reason of the fact she did speak her mind this precluded Ford from appointing a woman. I'm not at all sure he intended to because I think if he had it would have cost him votes in the yahoo gulches and male chauvinistic pig pens of America," added the outspoken Spaeth. If you're concerned about the reliability of Spaeth's comments, consider this: For the 1972 through 1974 Supreme Court terms, the political scientist has corroctly predicted high court decisions 50 times and only four times made wrong predictions — that's a 92.6 per cent) accuracy rate. The confirmation "will go smoothly" and "may well be unanimous," Spaeth added, giving the Supreme Court a strong five-vote conservative edge which will effectively remove swing vote power from court moderates Byron White and Potter Stewart.

[ "STEVENS IS well born and bred, safe, eminently respectable," Spaeth said. "His opinions have been thoughtful, solid, scholarly if unspectacular, and conservative."It's a rational selection for Ford to make, although I'm not sure it's the most rational. Ford is a bit more conservative, maybe a notch or two to the right. A little closer to Ford's preference would be (Sen. Robert)-Griffin or (Solicitor General Robert) Bork. From a political standpoint I don't think Ford gained or lost any votes," Spaeth added.

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