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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



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DRAFT FOR PHIL BUCHEN ON THE SUPREME COURT

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Counsel to the President



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DRAFT RESPONSE FOR GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR  
SUPREME COURT APPOINTMENT

Dear \_\_\_\_\_ :

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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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Counsel to the President

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November 21, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: KEN LAZARUS

FROM: ED SCHMULTS



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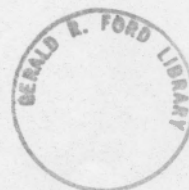
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[ca. 11/21/75]

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. W.



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excellent  
~~good~~ judgment and  
intellectual <sup>integrity & strength</sup> ~~strength & integrity~~  
and <sup>who</sup> 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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DRAFT FOR PHIL BUCHEN ON THE SUPREME COURT

*has given consideration to  
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We are grateful that you took the time to make this recommendation.

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*Your interest and recommendation shows that  
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*Supreme  
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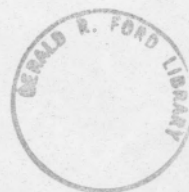
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WASHINGTON

*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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*Rel 143 Special*  
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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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, <sup>who has been a Supreme Court Justice</sup> 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.

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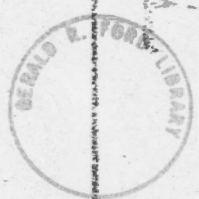
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RLE 143A

RE: Pro Supreme Court nomination

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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,

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