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**Robert L. Livingston and  
Thomas F. Jordan**


**Wednesday - June 23, 1976  
4:55 P.M.**

**THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. . . .**

**The Oval Office**

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DICK CHENEY  
FROM:  JIM FIELD  
SUBJECT: Thomas F. Jordan

A key uncommitted delegate from Louisiana is in town today for the 5 p. m. reception for Congressional candidates. Thomas F. Jordan, from New Orleans, Louisiana, is an independently wealthy lawyer who is truly uncommitted. Our intelligence indicates that he is tilting slightly towards the President, and Baker strongly recommends a brief Oval Office meeting either before or after the 5 p. m. reception. He is a candidate for Congress in the Second Congressional District against Lindy Boggs.


BACKGROUND:

1. Jordan is an independently wealthy lawyer who only recently has become active in the party.
2. He works 10-12 hours a day on Republican party matters in Louisiana and has become quite respected.
3. He is the law partner of Charles E. Dunbar, who has written to the President recently on behalf of W. Eugene Davis for the vacancy in the Federal Court, in the western part of the state. The President should not mention this judgeship with Jordan because he and his law partner (Dunbar) are not in agreement on it.
4. Jordan is said to be concerned with issues like Africa, Secretary Kissinger and detente.
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BACKGROUND:

1. Livingston, 31, is an attorney in New Orleans. He formerly worked for the firm which Congressman Treen was associated with. He also has experience as a lawyer in the U. S. Attorney's Office. He is currently President of the New Orleans YR's and very conservative.
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TO  
JAB

June 18, 1976

Dear Mr. Dunbar:

Thank you for your recent letter of recommendation on behalf of W. Eugene Davis for appointment to the vacancy in the U.S. District Court, Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division. Although I have not sent a nomination to the Congress as of yet, it is my understanding that Mr. Davis is receiving careful consideration by the Department of Justice and can assure you that I will act expeditiously once the Department of Justice forwards a nomination to me.

I appreciate your writing directly to me concerning your firsthand knowledge of Mr. Davis, and you can be sure that his credentials will receive careful examination. I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City.

With warmest personal regards,

Sincerely,

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Honorable Gerald R. Ford  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Re: Judicial Vacancy  
Western District of Louisiana,  
Lafayette Division

Dear President Ford:

I have been actively engaged in Republican campaigns and Party activities for more than 20 years and in August will attend the Republican National Convention as a Delegate for the third time. Although there have been disappointments, one of the things I am most proud of is the time and effort I have expended for the Party through the years. Further, as a lawyer who practices extensively in the Federal Courts, I am particularly proud of the high quality lawyers that President Nixon and yourself have nominated for Judgeships both nationally and in this area. The two latest appointments you made only recently in the Eastern District of Louisiana have met with universal approval.



My specific purpose in writing you is to enthusiastically recommend W. Eugene Davis of New Iberia, Louisiana, for appointment to the vacancy on the Federal bench presently existing in the Western District of Louisiana, Lafayette Division. Davis is the clear choice of a majority of the lawyers in his area and, in my opinion, stands out among those being mentioned for this appointment.

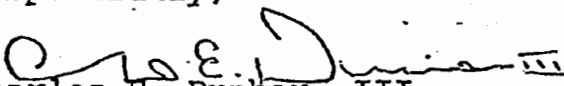
I have known Gene Davis both personally and professionally for more than 15 years. I first met him in 1960 when he joined my law firm in New Orleans as a fledgling lawyer immediately upon his graduation from the Tulane Law School. Gene was a native of Alabama and had no contacts with any of the lawyers in my firm. He was selected and gained employment with us solely because of his outstanding Law School record and the favorable impression he made when interviewed.

After joining our firm, Eugene Davis lived up to our expectations and quickly emerged as an outstanding and popular lawyer in this community. As I have mentioned freely to many persons, the only problem Gene presented was he so favorably impressed clients and other lawyers that he soon began to receive offers from other firms and within a few years was taken away from us by the prestigious firm in New Iberia, Louisiana, of which he is now a partner.

My firm handles many matters in the Lafayette Division of the Western District of Louisiana and Eugene Davis frequently handles cases in New Orleans so our paths still cross on occasion. In fact, I am presently personally involved in an important case in which Gene is also involved.

Eugene Davis is as good a lawyer as we have in this area and has special expertise in the maritime field which is of vital importance insofar as competence to serve as a Judge in the Western District of Louisiana is concerned as admiralty and admiralty related matters comprise more than 50% of the Docket of the said Court. Gene is also a person of even temperament, fairness, and total integrity. In short, if he is appointed a Federal Judge I am certain he will serve the Federal Judiciary in the highest professional tradition.

Respectfully,

  
Charles E. Dunbar, III

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cc: Senator Russell B. Long  
Senator J. Bennett Johnston  
Hon. Edward Levi  
Attorney General of the United States