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WASHINGTON

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Perhaps you  
have a view

P.A.  
Send on to Schulhof  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 11, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHILIP BUCHEN

FROM: SAMUEL A. SCHULHOF *Sam*

CONCUR: *Bill*  
WILLIAM N. WALKER

SUBJECT: U.S. District Judge for the Eastern  
District of Michigan

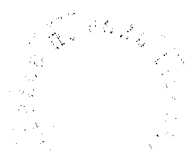
Attached is a copy of my proposed memorandum to The President discussing the nomination of James P. Churchill as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

As we wish to finalize this recommendation by Thursday, November 14, 1974, please have your office let Greg Lebedev's office know of your opinion as soon as convenient in order that we may accurately represent your views in the final decision memorandum. If we have not heard from your office by that time, we will assume that you have no opinion and go forward with the memorandum. Your observations and assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much.

Attachments

*No basis for judgment*  
*P. Heald*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

THROUGH: DONALD RUMSFELD  
FROM: SAMUEL A. SCULHOF

CONCUR: WILLIAM N. WALKER

SUBJECT: James P. Churchill as U.S. District  
Judge for the Eastern District of  
Michigan

This memorandum seeks your approval of James P. Churchill as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Stephen J. Roth, deceased. Judge Churchill, 50, currently is a Circuit Judge in the 40th Judicial Circuit of Michigan; and his career profile is attached for your review (Tab A).

Judge Churchill is a Democrat, and is primarily supported by Senator Griffin (R-Michigan). The Attorney General's letter of recommendation states that the ABA Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary has submitted a report in which they express their opinion that "... Judge Churchill is qualified for appointment to this position." (Tab B).

I, therefore, recommend the nomination of James P. Churchill as U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan.

\_\_\_\_\_ Approve

\_\_\_\_\_ Disapprove

Attachments: Tabs A - B



JAMES P. CHURCHILL

Born: April 10, 1924 Imlay City, Michigan

Legal Residence: Michigan

Marital Status: Married Wife-Annabel; 3 children

Education: 1941-1943 University of Michigan  
1946-1947 B.B.A. degree  
1947-1950 University of Michigan Law School  
LL.B. degree

Bar: 1950 Michigan

Military Service: 1943-1946 United States Army

Experience: 1951-1953 Practice of law  
1957-1965 Vassar, Michigan  
1954-1956 Churchill & Andreychuk  
Vassar, Michigan  
1965 to present Circuit Judge, 40th Judicial  
Circuit of Michigan

Office: Tuscola County Circuit Court  
Courthouse, Caro, Michigan 48723  
Telephone: 517-673-2021

Home: 224 Washington Street  
Vassar, Michigan 48768  
Telephone: 517-827-3491

Present Position: Circuit Judge, State of Michigan

Political Affiliation: Democrat

Ethnic Group: Caucasian





Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

November 4, 1974

My dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of James P. Churchill, of Michigan, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan vice Stephen J. Roth, deceased.

Judge Churchill was born April 10, 1924 in Imlay City, Michigan, is married and has three children.

He attended the University of Michigan from 1941 to 1943 and from 1946 to 1947 when he received his B.B.A. degree. He graduated from the University of Michigan Law School in 1950. He was admitted to the Michigan State Bar in 1950.

He served in the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 when he was honorably discharged.

Judge Churchill practiced law in Vassar, Michigan from 1951 to 1953 and from 1957 to 1965. From 1954 to 1956 he was a partner in the firm of Churchill and Andreychuk. In 1965 he was elected a Circuit Judge for the 40th Judicial Circuit of Michigan.

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted a report in which they state their opinion that Judge Churchill is qualified for appointment to this position. He bears an excellent reputation as to character and integrity, has judicial temperament, and is, I believe, worthy of appointment as a United States District Judge.

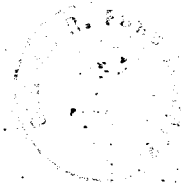
I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

*W. B. Sayre*

The President

The White House



Wednesday 3/10/76

10:00 Peter McPherson was wondering if you had a chance to talk with Sen. Griffin about the U.S. Attorney's spot in Grand Rapids.

*I have discussed  
with Mr. Peterson  
& he has called  
the Senator.*

