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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE HAROLD R. TYLER
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Recommendation for Judge Healey
of Rhode Island

Attached is correspondence recommending Judge Healey for appointment to the U. S. District Court in Rhode Island.

I would appreciate consideration of this impressive recommendation.

Attachment

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

KENT COUNTY JUVENILE COURT

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JOHN P. STEKETEE, Judge

April 19, 1976

Mr. Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Phil:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you about Judge Edward V. Healey, Jr., of Rhode Island. You will recall meeting him when you very kindly permitted our visit to you last May while he and I were in Washington at a meeting regarding the use of data systems in the courts. At that time he was the President of the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, on whose Board of Trustees I have the privilege of serving.

Your courtesy in seeing us was even more appreciated because that was the morning after the nearly all-night session you had over the captured American ship in Asian waters - and you had an early morning bout with your dentist.

The reason for my letter is to recommend to you, for whatever further use you deem appropriate, Judge Healey's name for the United States District Court currently vacant in Rhode Island. Certainly this is presumptuous on my part but I am writing because I feel strongly that he is a man who has proved his excellent capabilities as a lawyer and judge, of national reputation, and also as a man and judge with unusual and unique compassion for people and respect for the law.

His credentials are fantastic, he has great respect in the legal profession and in his State (as well as far beyond) and he would be an excellent Federal Judge.

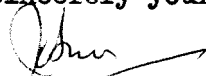
Further, you will note that he is an active Republican in an area where that posture is not always the most popular. I am convinced that persons of both parties as well as the legal profession would concur on him as an excellent choice.



I urge your personal evaluation of my statements and, if they withstand your scrutiny, that you recommend his name for consideration.

Best personal wishes and I hope that the next several months prove beneficial to you, our President, and the country.

Sincerely yours,


John P. Steketee
Judge of Probate

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

EDWARD V. HEALEY, JR.
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
FAMILY COURT OF RHODE ISLAND

Born in Providence on November 23, 1922. Graduated from Providence College December, 1942; A.B.; Boston University School of Law, 1949, L.L.B. Admitted to Rhode Island Bar 1949.

International:

International Association of Youth Magistrates - Vice President
and member of the Specialized Committee

National:

President, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges (1974-75)

President Elect, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges (1973-74)

Vice President, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges (1972-73)

Treasurer, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges (1971-72)

Executive Committee, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges (1968-71)

Chairman, Board of Trustees, National Juvenile Court Foundation, Inc.

National College of Juvenile Justice Graduate School - Faculty
Member (1973)

Board of Fellows, National Center for Juvenile Justice

Advisory Council, National Center for State Courts (1971-)

Board of Directors - American Parents Committee, Inc. (1973-)

Delegate, White House Conference on Children (1970)

National Advisory Committee of the American Public Welfare Association;
Youth Community Coordination Project.

Task Force to Develop Standards and Goals for Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention



State:

Former Juvenile Court Judge (1960-61)

Family Court Associate Justice (1961-present)

Governor's Conference on Children and Youth

Governor's Commission to Revise Children's Code

Governor's Task Force to Revise Rhode Island Criminal Laws

Governor's Advisory Committee on Mental Retardation

Governor's Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities

Commission on Judicial Tenure and Discipline

Judges' Committee on Judicial Ethics

Judges' Committee on Family Court and District Court Prosecutions

Public and Private Agencies:

Juvenile Correctional and Law Enforcement Agencies of Rhode Island

Executive Committee - Big Brothers (former Vice President)

Butler Hospital Corporation

Cranston Boys' Club - Board of Directors (1973-)

Cranston Community Mental Health Clinic Advisory Committee

Former Associations: Board of Directors

Rhode Island League for Emotionally Disturbed Children

Rhode Island Association for Mental Health

Providence Child Guidance Clinic

Providence Youth Progress Board, Inc.



Sophia Little Home

Rhode Island Conference of Social Work

Educational:

Advisory Committee on Educational Programs Dealing with Drug Abuse

Lecturer - Providence College
University of Rhode Island
Rhode Island College
Roger Williams College
High School Seminars

Others:

Past Grand Knight Tyler Council Knights of Columbus

B.P.O.E. #14 Providence Lodge

Sons of Irish Kings

Former Executive Secretary to Governor Christopher DeSesto

Former Associate Justice of the Juvenile Court of Rhode Island

Military:

Served overseas with 88th Infantry Division - Discharged Captain U.S.A.R.

Decorations - Bronze Star Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster
Infantryman's Combat Badge

Awards:

Man of the Year (Service to State - 1973)
Christian Brothers Boys' Association

Man of the Year 1969 - Fraternal Order of Eagles

Bishop Hickey Scholarship Award 1939

Married to Lillian E. Devlin - Father of nine children
(6 boys, 3 girls)

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ADDENDUM TO BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

EDWARD V. HEALEY, JR.
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE
FAMILY COURT OF RHODE ISLAND

- 1952 - Served as Campaign Manager for Mayoralty Campaign for Christopher DelSesto, running as a Republican fusion candidate.
- 1954-1956 - Served as Chairman of the Second Congressional District Rhode Island Republican Search Committee.
- 1956 - Served as Campaign Director for campaign of Christopher DelSesto, Republican candidate for Governor, Congressional candidates and other state officers.
- 1958 - Served as Campaign Director for Christopher Del Sesto, candidate for Governor, who successfully won the election. He was the first Republican elected in 20 years.

Served as his Executive Director from the day of Governor DelSesto's inauguration until February 1, 1960, when I assumed office of the Judge of the Juvenile Court of Rhode Island.

During various gubernatorial campaigns, arranged motorcades in conjunction with staff of then Vice-President Nixon together with secret service.

- 1968 - Served as faculty member for National College of Probate Judges, New England Probate Seminar, Harvard University, April 4-5, 1968.
- 1975 - Attended National Conference on Appellate Justice in San Diego, California, January 22-26, 1975.
- 1975 - Consultant to the Governor of Jamaica re: establishment of Family Court in Kingston, Jamaica.



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1976

Dear Bruce:

Thanks very much for your letter on the subject of filling the vacancy which exists on the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island. I am passing on a copy of your letter to the Deputy Attorney General along with my observation that a recommendation from you warrants the highest respect.

I trust you are thoroughly enjoying your challenging new assignment, and I am confident that you will do your usual superb job in this position.

Warmest regards.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Bruce G. Sundlun
President and Chief Executive Officer
Outlet Company
176 Weybosset Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02902

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Bruce*



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 6, 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE HAROLD TYLER
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

SUBJECT: Appointment to the U. S. District Court
for the District of Rhode Island

Attached is a copy of a letter received from Bruce G. Sundlun who is a close and highly respected friend of mine. I very much value his comments.

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

cc: Mr. Douglas Bennett



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BRUCE G. SUNDLUN President and Chief Executive Officer

June 29, 1976

The Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsellor to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Phil:

As you may know, there is a vacancy on the United States District Court for the District of Rhode Island, due to Judge Edward Day reaching age 70 and retiring to Senior Judge status. Apparently, there are several potential candidates, as follows:

Judge Joseph R. Weisberger, Presiding Judge of the Superior Court of the State of Rhode Island.

Honorable Herbert DeSimone, Former Attorney General of Rhode Island, Republican candidate for Governor, and Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Lindsey Almon, United States Attorney

I know all of these men personally, and while they are all honest and intelligent, the qualifications of Judge Weisberger to be a federal district court judge are, in my opinion, much superior to the others. He has proved to be a very hard working judge on the Superior Court. He is considered probably the most brilliant of

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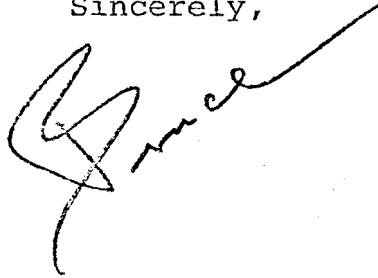
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all Superior Court judges, and although he has been on the bench for many years, there never has been the slightest criticism of him. He is an excellent administrator. I have been before him myself on a few occasions, and can speak from personal experience.

I frankly have no knowledge of which candidate the administration favors, but I do have enough personal knowledge of all three men to be able to state the opinion given in this letter.

Incidentally, Judge Weisberger is by no stretch of the imagination a personal friend of mine, and I know him only professionally, although we were classmates at the Harvard Law School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Buchen", written in dark ink.



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

August 3, 1976

TO: PHILIP W. BUCHEN
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM: EDWARD H. LEVI *EL*
ATTORNEY GENERAL

As you know, Judge Tyler has been handling the DeSimone or Weisberger reviews for consideration in connection with the U.S. District Court vacancy in Rhode Island. He was handling these in any event, but I was away at the Judicial Conference in Spokane. The DeSimone files came to my desk this afternoon. I have had about twenty minutes in which to read them -- hardly the basis for a considered opinion! I understand there is a need for speed. In this situation, and with your concurrence, I am sending to you the two files.

