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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
SECOND CIRCUIT

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CHAMBERS OF
HENRY J. FRIENDLY
CIRCUIT JUDGE
U. S. COURTHOUSE
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

November 20, 1975

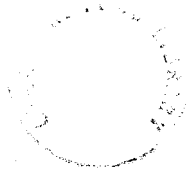
The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I have hesitated for some days about burdening you with this letter. Normally I would send it to the Attorney General but, for reasons that will become obvious, that is impossible in this instance.

The press is carrying the names of many men and women whom you have under consideration to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Justice Douglas' resignation on the Supreme Court. Most of those whom I know would be competent as a member of the Court. But there is one name that stands leagues ahead of the others, namely, that of Edward H. Levi.

What the Court requires is not simply a competent Justice -- it already has eight of them. What it needs is someone with the elements of greatness. My acquaintance with Ed Levi, going back to his days of service in the Department of Justice and including his remarkable deanship of the Law School of the University of Chicago and his services as Provost and then as President of that University, and my study of his legal writings (especially his classic Introduction to Legal Reasoning) convince me that he has that potential. He has thought deeply about the Constitution and as to what must be done to continue to make it a workable document in our complex society. His ability to command respect from persons holding exceedingly different views was demonstrated when he, the son of a rabbi and grandson of another rabbi, was chosen almost by acclamation to be president of a Baptist-oriented university.

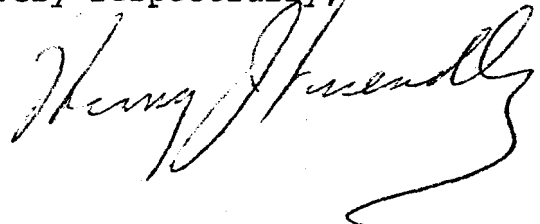
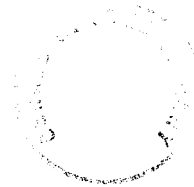


The President
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November 20, 1975

The opportunity that is now afforded you is reminiscent of that which President Hoover grasped when he appointed Judge Cardoza to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Justice Holmes. I understand it is said that Ed Levi is too old and that he lacks judicial experience. While actuarial tables are useful in predicting the longevity of a mass of people, they are of little value in connection with individuals; the experience of President Roosevelt in rejecting Judge Learned Hand partly because of age, in favor of Judge Rutledge, should be a sufficient example. So far as concerns judicial experience, the Court already has five judges who had served on state or inferior federal courts; history shows that many of the greatest Justices, for example, Marshall, Brandeis and Stone, had none.

Needless to say, the Attorney General does not know that I am writing this letter and would probably object if he did.

Very respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Henry Friendly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Henry Friendly".

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 2, 1975

*Friendly
Henry J.
(Judge)*

Dear Judge Friendly:

The President very much appreciated your most thoughtful letter to him regarding the appointment to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of The Honorable Justice Douglas from the Supreme Court.

The President shares your high regard for Ed Levi and gave careful thought to the desirability of considering him for this important appointment. However, as you now know, the President has made his selection and I trust you will agree that it is a very commendable one which is being enthusiastically received by judges and lawyers throughout the country.

Many thanks for your helpful interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Henry J. Friendly
Circuit Judge
United States Court of Appeals
Second Circuit
U. S. Courthouse
New York, New York 10007



Judges

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 6, 1975

Dear Leon:

Don Rumsfeld passed on to me the biographical data of Judge J. Clifford Wallace, which you had sent to him.

I have had the good fortune of meeting Judge Wallace on one occasion when he was in Washington, and I was very much impressed with him. He certainly is one of our leading Appellate Judges and deserves consideration for advancement if the opportunity should ever arise. However, as you know, the opportunity is rare for promotion in the Federal judiciary to a role higher than that of a Circuit Court of Appeals Judge.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,



Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. Leon W. Parma
Post Office Box 2262
La Jolla, California



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 1, 1975

MEMORANDUM FOR: PHIL BUCHEN
FROM: DONALD RUMSFELD

Attached is a resume Leon Parma sent in on Clifford Wallace as a possible court appointee. I thought you might be interested.

cc: Doug Bennett



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December 2, 1975

Dear Mr. Volpe:

Your letter to the President on November 24 was received and your recommendation was duly conveyed to the President. By now you know, however, that after careful consideration of the various individuals recommended to him, the President has determined to nominate Judge Stevens from the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago.

The President very much appreciated your interest in this matter and your thoughtful recommendation.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Mr. John A.^x Volpe
91 Beach Bluff Avenue
Swampscott, Massachusetts

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CHAMBERS
OF
RICHARD MILLS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

COURT HOUSE
VIRGINIA, ILLINOIS 62691

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December 2, 1975

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. President:

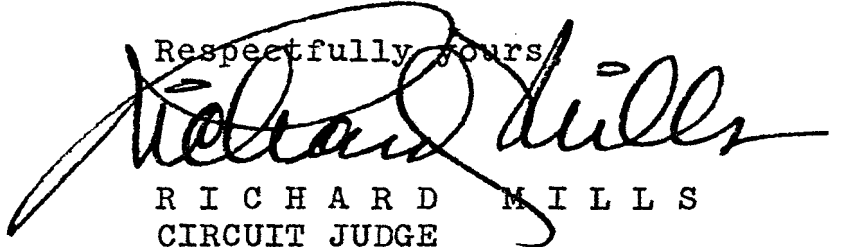
Please accept my sincere congratulations upon your splendid appointment of Judge John Paul Stevens as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court.

Your selection could not have been more professional, and you are to be highly commended for your excellence of choice.

As you will note from the copy of a "Letter to the Editor" attached, we adhere to virtually identical guidelines for manning the highest court in the land!

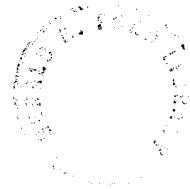
You have my total support and best wishes in 1976.

Respectfully yours,


RICHARD MILLS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

RM/mgb

Attachment



*Pres Stevens
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
CIRCUIT COURT
EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

CHAMBERS
OF
RICHARD MILLS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

December 3, 1975

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VIRGINIA, ILLINOIS 62691
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The Honorable Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20013

Dear Mr. Buchen:

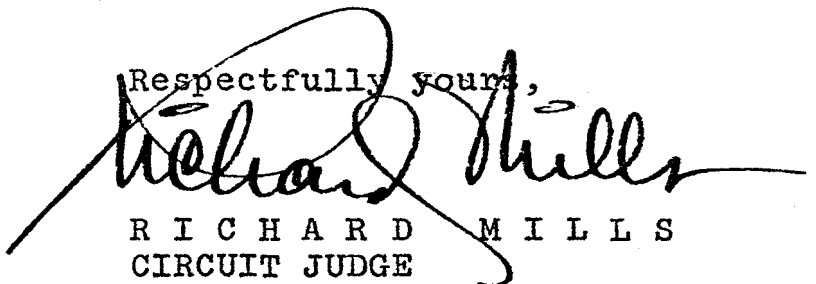
My sincere thanks for the thoughtfulness of your response of November 28 last, relative to my correspondence to the President concerning the Supreme Court appointment.

Judge Stevens is a superlative choice and is undoubtedly the most professional selection for that Court made since the nomination of Chief Justice Burger.

The President is to be highly commended upon the excellence of his nomination and I take the liberty of attaching a copy of a "Letter to the Editor" which demonstrates my sincere delight in the choice of Judge Stevens.

Thank you again for your reply, and with best wishes as always, I am

Respectfully yours,



RICHARD MILLS
CIRCUIT JUDGE

RM/mgb

Attachment



THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR

THE HONORABLE EDWARD H. LEVI
ATTORNEY GENERAL

Attached for your information is a copy of correspondence to the President from Congressman Rangel along with the acknowledgement to him. The request is that the National Bar Association be consulted in the event of another vacancy on the Supreme Court.

P.W.B.

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

Attachment ✓

ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
8 JAN 7 1976
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ATTORNEY GENERAL

DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

CHARLES B. RANGEL
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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 16, 1975

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GEORGE A. DALLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The Honorable Gerald R. Ford
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.


Dear Mr. President:

With the confirmation of John Paul Stevens as the next Justice for the Supreme Court a virtual certainty, I am asking that in the future, you also include the National Bar Association among those organizations that you call upon for a review of the potential nominees.

As you know, the Association is the oldest Black legal organization in the United States, and because of this experience, their contribution would be both significant and meaningful in assisting you in this most important responsibility.

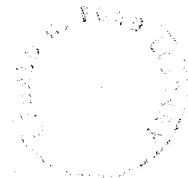
With kindest personal regards, I remain.

Sincerely,



Charles B. Rangel
Member of Congress

CBR:frb



December 30, 1975

Dear Mr. Sangel:

This will acknowledge receipt and thank you for your letter to the President asking that future nominees for the United States Supreme Court be reviewed by the National Bar Association.

I wish to assure you that your letter has been called to the President's attention. I am confident your suggestion will be given careful consideration.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Vernon C. Loeb
Deputy Assistant
to the President

The Honorable Charles B. Sangel
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

✓ ccc: w/incosmg to Philip Suchen for appropriate handling

VCL:JEB:VO:kt



THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 12, 1975

Mills,
Rich
(copy)

Dear Judge Mills:

Many thanks for your letters concerning Judge John Paul Stevens. The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter to him, and I also acknowledge your letter to me.

The President is gratified that you have so enthusiastically commended the nomination of Judge Stevens to be an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. As you know by now, the Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee have voted unanimously to concur in the nomination, and we anticipate a very favorable vote by the Senate next week.

The President also expresses his appreciation for your statement of support and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Philip W. Buchen

Philip W. Buchen
Counsel to the President

The Honorable Richard Mills
Circuit Judge
State of Illinois
Eighth Judicial Circuit
Virginia, Illinois 62691

