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TO: SECRETARY CONNOR

FROM: BILL MOYERS

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January 22, 1965

Dear J. P.

Thanks for your letter. Your friend, Mr. Statham certainly sounds outstanding and I will be happy to see that his name is submitted to the proper people.

Sincerely,

Bill

Bill D. Moyers
Special Assistant
to the President

James P. Coleman, Esq.
Ackerman
Mississippi

Re Alfred P. Statham, 5408 Roanoke Avenue, Apt. 153, Alexandria, Va
applicant for selection as a White House Fellow

cc with incoming to Mr. Thomas Carr

The White House
Washington

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WALTER JENKINS

THE WHITE HOUSE

I STILL HAVE NOT HEARD ANYTHING ABOUT THE APPOINTMENT OF ROBERT M ROBINSON TO THE ALCOHOL TAX UNIT POSITION AT JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

J P COLEMAN.

April 29, 1964

Dear Mr. Toler:

For the President, I want to thank you for your telegram of April 4 in which you endorsed Mr. J. P. Coleman for an appointment to succeed the late Judge Ben Cameron. I am sorry for the delay in acknowledging but I am sure you can understand how swamped we get with so many endorsements for the different appointments the President has to make. You may be sure that your recommendation will be given every consideration.

The President appreciates your interest and has asked that I send his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. O'Brien
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. Kenneth Toler
917 Fairview Street
Jackson, Mississippi

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOU COULDN'T MAKE A BETTER APPOINTMENT THAN THAT OF J. P. COLEMAN, YOUR FRIEND AND MINE, AS SUCCESSOR TO THE LATE JUDGE BEN CAMERON ON THE US 5TH COURT OF APPEALS. RESPECTFULLY

KENNETH TOLER.

Office: King Edward Hotel
Home: 917 Fairview St.

April 22, 1964

Dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you for your endorsement of Governor J.P. Coleman. You may be sure your recommendation will be given every consideration. The President appreciates your interest and has asked that I send his best wishes.

Sincerely,

Lawrence F. O'Brien
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. James L. Robertson
215D Holden Green
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

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Cambridge 38, Massachusetts
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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

As you are no doubt aware, a vacancy has arisen on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit due to the untimely death of Judge Ben F. Cameron. I respectfully urge that J. P. Coleman, former Governor of Mississippi, be offered that appointment.

No circuit in the federal judiciary system has had more responsibility placed upon it than has the Fifth Circuit today. And, as the intensity of the civil rights movement increases, that responsibility will become even greater. To say that only men of the highest caliber should serve on that court is to belabor the obvious.

I feel that Gov. Coleman is uniquely qualified for this appointment. He was graduated from the University of Mississippi and received his LL.B. from George Washington University. He has since been awarded an honorary LL.D. by George Washington. His career of public service in the state of Mississippi consists of two terms (eight years) as District Attorney in his home district; a single term as Circuit Judge; a brief tenure on the Mississippi Supreme Court; six years as Attorney General for the state; four years as a member of the state House of Representatives; and a four year term as Governor.

It is common knowledge in Mississippi that J. P. Coleman is one of the state's two or three most competent attorneys. In addition, he possesses a great understanding of the history of the South and of the difficult problems which will face the South and the Fifth Circuit in the immediate future. I assure you that his concept of the role of the federal judiciary is far more enlightened and sophisticated than that of so many other members of the bar and bench in the Deep South today.

In short, J. P. Coleman has an outstanding record of approximately twenty-five years of public service in all three branches of government in his home state. He possesses a knowledge of the proper functions of the executive and legislative branches that is so lacking in many judges today. He is a student and scholar of the law,

of history, of his region, and of his times. On his merits as an individual, he is eminently qualified for appointment to this important judgeship.

There is another reason, however, why I feel that Gov. Coleman should receive this appointment: his loyalty and service to the national Democratic Party. A simple comparison of the actions of Mississippi's Democrats in 1956 under Gov. Coleman and in 1960 under Gov. Barnett should easily establish my point. And, as I am certain you well know, no man in Mississippi worked harder and risked more for the Democratic candidates in 1960.

In Mississippi in recent years it has been a most trying experience to support a ticket and platform and party as J. P. Coleman did in 1960. And the fact that he did so has haunted him ever since. Few doubt that he would now be serving his second term as the state's Governor had he remained silent in 1960. And he is not the first of the state's political leaders to be rejected at the polls because of his support of and association with the present Democratic administration.

I am quite aware of the customary policy of respecting the wishes of the state's senior Senator in making such an appointment (and I assume that your appointee will come from Mississippi so that all states in the circuit will continue to be represented.) In this case that senior Senator is James O. Eastland. I doubt that you need to be told of the judicial and political persuasions of any man he may suggest to fill the vacancy. Both the times that lie ahead and the tremendous responsibility placed on the Fifth Circuit militate strongly against your adherence to standard policy in this case. The federal judiciary in the Deep South has enough nineteenth century judges at the district level already.

Sir, I am a lifetime resident of Greenville, Mississippi. I am currently a second year student at the Harvard Law School and plan to return to Mississippi upon my graduation in 1965. I know that, as an individual, my opinions are probably of very little import to you. However, I feel to a great extent I am speaking for many of the people in my state. I worked very closely this past summer with a large group of young adults throughout the state in Gov. Coleman's unsuccessful campaign, and I know whereof I speak. Those of us in Mississippi who have opposed the Ross Barnett-Paul Johnson-Citizens Council faction are waiting anxiously to see whether or not the Democratic administration in Washington remembers what J. P. Coleman sacrificed for it in 1960. We feel that the administration is greatly indebted to this man.

Of course, I have no information as to whether or not he would accept such an appointment. I do, however, have a great deal of information to confirm my claim that this is a rare and able man that I am writing to you about, that this man's abilities and experience are greatly needed in this day when relations between the states of the Deep South and the federal government are so strained. I have a great deal of

information that from the standpoint of legal training, of political experience, of party loyalty, of intellectual capacity, and of personal courage and integrity, there is not another man in Mississippi anywhere near to being in a class with J. P. Coleman. He is eminently qualified to serve on the bench of the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I respectfully urge his appointment.

Very sincerely yours,

James L. Robertson

James L. Robertson

James P. Coleman
ATTORNEY AT LAW
Ackerman, Mississippi

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TELEPHONE 285-3071

April 20, 1964

Honorable Walter Jenkins
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Walter:

I apologize, and beg your pardon, for writing you again about Robert M. Robinson, concerning which I wrote you on the fourth day of April, 1964.

I do hope, as expressed in my original letter, that you will be able to do something for us about this.

With best wishes, I am

Your friend,

Jim

J. P. Coleman

JPC/nc

April 20, 1964

Dear Governor Coleman:

This is in reply to your recent letter to Walter Jenkins on behalf of Mr. Robert Robinson.

I want you to know that we are looking into this matter and we will make every effort to see that Mr. Robinson is given full consideration.

Sincerely,

/S/

Ralph A. Dungan
Special Assistant
to the President

Honorable James P. Coleman
Ackerman, Mississippi

cc: Mr. Walter Jenkins
Mr. John Clinton with file.

GENERAL
FG505/No. 5

April 13, 1964

Dear Jim:

I showed your note of the 8th and enclosure to the President and he asked me to express his appreciation.

Be sure to drop by to see us if you get up this way.

Best personal regards.

Sincerely,

WALTER

Walter Jenkins
Special Assistant to
The President

Honorable J. P. Coleman
Attorney at Law
Ackerman, Mississippi

WJ:ms

GENERAL
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March 7, 1964

Dear Jim:

Thank you for your letter. Regarding the matter you discussed about the Post Office and Rural Letter Carrier patronage to the Congressmen, the matter is under consideration. I will keep you informed.

The President I were glad to see you here, and we both extend our every good wish to you.

Sincerely,

WALTER

Walter Jenkins
Special Assistant
to the President

Mr. James P. Coleman

Ackerman, Mississippi

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WALTER JENKINS

THE WHITE HOUSE

WILL ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON THIS AFTERNOON AND BE AT CONGRESSIONAL HOTEL

J P COLEMAN.

EXECUTIVE
PR4/ST24

December 30, 1963

Dear Jim:

Thank you, my old and loyal friend, for your warm letter.

I'm doing the very best I know how to do in a job where there is so much to be done. I have believed that Isaiah's admonition "Come let us reason together" is as sensible today as that long-ago time when he first said it. If I do nothing more as President than to bring this country a little closer together, then I will have achieved something worthwhile.

As always, Jim, your suggestions, your ideas, and your counsel will be welcomed. I value your judgment, your good sense, and above all, your patriotism.

Thank you again for your fine letter.

Sincerely,

LBJ

Mr. James P. Coleman
Attorney at Law
Ackerman, Mississippi

LBJ:JV:gw

GENERAL

IN/Choctaws

FG 145-6

December 23, 1963

Dear Governor:

Many thanks for your letter of recent date. I wish to advise that I am looking into the matter referred to in your communication and just as soon as possible, I will be in further touch with you.

With best wishes for the Holiday Season,

Sincerely yours,

Lawrence F. O'Brien
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable James P. Coleman
Attorney at Law
Ackerman, Mississippi

re construction of new school, Choctaw Tribe, Pearl River School in Central Mississippi by Bureau of Indian Affairs

CJD: dlt

Nothing else sent to Central Files as of 1/25/64

James P. Coleman
ATTORNEY AT LAW
ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI

TELEPHONE AT 5-3071

Copy to Press

June 18, 1965

His Excellency
The President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

There is so much that I would like to say in this letter. I realize, however, that with the heavy official burdens you have to bear it would be a great imposition on your time.

Therefore, please let me tell you how deeply grateful I am for the announcement which you made on yesterday. I assure you that I shall do my best to render a service of which you can justly be proud.

More than anything, I want to express my gratitude for your continuing friendship that has lasted now for over thirty years.

Again with my sincere thanks I am, most respectfully,

Your friend,

J. P. Coleman

JPC/ms

Rec'd Wed. 6/23/65 9:00 a.m.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 22, 1965

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

RC FROM: Ramsey Clark

Judge Thornberry's and Governor Coleman's confirmation hearings are set for Tuesday, June 29 at 10:30 a.m. before Senators Eastland, Ervin and Hruska.

James P.

GENERAL

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND PUBLIC WELFARE

June 23, 1965

CONGRESSIONAL

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6/24/65 Mr. M. Apologize to Bill Bechtel re attached.

Mr. Mike N. Manatos
Administrative Assistant
to the President
The White House Office
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mike:

Attached is a copy of a letter the Senator has received from a constituent regarding the confirmation of James Coleman as a Federal judge for the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. We have received a number of letters along this vein and I would appreciate it if you would furnish me with some suggestions for a reply.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Bechtel

BILL BECHTEL
Administrative Assistant
to Senator Nelson, Gaylord

BB:jcm

Enclosure

June 24, 1965

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To: Lee White

From: Jack Valenti

For appropriate handling.

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PARENTS OF FIFTY MISSISSIPPI CIVIL RIGHTS WORKERS MOSTLY NOW IN PRISON IN MISSISSIPPI MANY BRUTALLY ATTACKED URGENTLY REQUEST MEETING WITH YOU DURING SAN FRANCISCO VISIT TO DISCUSS YOUR APPOINTMENT OF JAMES COLEMAN EX-GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI TO FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT BENCH PLEASE REPLY TO

PARENTS MISSISSIPPI ASSN HAROLD B LIGHT CHAIRMAN

625 CHENERY ST SAN FRANCISCO PHONE JU 5-7575 OR LO 4-6065.

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Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear President Johnson:

Your appointment of James P. Coleman to the U.S. 5th. Circuit Court of Appeals, is an affront and an insult to the Negro people in the South, and to all American people of good will.

James P. Coleman is an avowed segregationist. As Governor of Mississippi he has failed to uphold the law to desegregate the public schools there.

I appeal to you as a loyal American to reconsider the appointment of James P. Coleman.

Respectfully yours,

Diana Weiss

DIANA WEISS

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GENERAL
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1446 44th Avenue
San Francisco
California 94122
July 1, 1965

Dear President Johnson,

A group of us, attending summer school, are really concerned about your recent appointment of former Governor James Coleman as a Federal Judge.

Having him as a judge of Civil Rights, with his background as a white supremist, disturbs us very much. We enthusiastically approve Parents of Civil Rights Workers in Mississippi Association coming to Washington early this month. Your meeting with them means a great deal to us, as they voice our ideals and hopes.

We are signing our names to this letter, to add strength to our conviction.

Respectfully,

Frank Ross
Dario Guzman
Dan McGuire
John McAuliffe
Frank Capurso
Charles Pistoria
Pete Casey
Louis Cobos
Charles Dean
John Cooney
Steven Dunn
Saul Aguilar
Jim Ron Bower
Marty Gianni
William Bolanos
Kelly Lamar Spellman

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Coleman

EXECUTIVE
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Mr. President,

General Heaton reports as follows:

"I have good news on the Governor.

"He is much more comfortable this morning. He has no fever. The kidney, by X-ray studies, is now functioning. The dye is getting through and around the stone which appears to be moving on its own accord so they feel over at George Washington that another 24 hours' conservative treatment is indicated consisting of forcing fluids and such as that.

"We have talked to Dr. Thompson who fully concurs in this treatment and also asked that we give his respects to the President.

James P.

"Tell the President that I will keep him informed about Governor Coleman from time to time and Dr. Reuter, who is his surgeon, will contact me as developments occur as I will relay them on to the President."

mjdr
July 2
11:45 a.m.

July 2, 1965

Dear Dr. Schwartz:

For the President I want to acknowledge your recent letter in which you expressed your views concerning appointment of Governor James P. Coleman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President recently nominated Governor Coleman for this position.

Your interest is appreciated, and the President asked that I send his best wishes.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. Joseph Schwartz
3312 Hull Avenue,
c/o Pohn
Bronx, New York 10467

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Endorsement

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May 14, 1965

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President Lyndon B Johnson,
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr President

I urge you to reconsider your appointment of former governor James P. Coleman to the vacant seat on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I have just returned from Mississippi where I had the opportunity to witness Mr. Coleman in action. During testimony concerning the challenge of the Mississippi congressional delegation he displayed attitudes towards Negro witnesses which can hardly be considered moderate. As you know the finest legislation is wasted when the violators are tried before bigoted and hostile judges.

Again I urge you to reconsider your appointment.

Freedom Schwartz
Dr Joseph Schwartz
3312 Hull Ave c/o Pohn
Bronx, New York 10467

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THE VICE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON

Thursday, July 8, 1965
4:00 p.m.
(from the Vice President's desk
9:30 a.m., July 9, 1965)

CIVIL RIGHTS

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

FROM: THE VICE PRESIDENT

Civil Rights Fall Conference

Members of the staff of the Council on Equal Opportunity have been meeting with members of your staff to discuss plans for the conference "To Fulfill These Rights."

Mississippi Federal Court Vacancies

Although all reports indicate that Governor Coleman will be a good appointee to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the protests from civil rights groups are likely to increase because of the Governor's past segregationist stands. Since there is also a vacancy on the U.S. District Court in Mississippi, this might be an appropriate time to have a person more acceptable to these groups appointed to the district judgeship as part of a package deal involving Coleman's appointment.

NAACP Convention

The poverty program was bitterly attacked by at least one person and there were rumors that the attacks could result in a resolution condemning the poverty program. Other speakers, including Government officials, admitted that there would be faults in any new program but defended the program and urged the convention participants to take part in it at the local level. The convention ended with stronger support for the poverty program.

July 21, 1965

Dear Doctors Wallach:

For the President I want to acknowledge your recent letter in which you expressed your views concerning the appointment of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the days ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. Donald F. H. Wallach
Dr. Helen D. Wallach
5 Walnut Avenue
Cambridge 40, Massachusetts

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DONALD F. H. WALLACH, M. D.
5 WALNUT AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE 40, MASSACHUSETTS

May 27, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20025

Dear Mr. President:

We are concerned to learn that you are considering nominating former Governor James P. Coleman of Mississippi to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Mr. Coleman, although a moderate Southerner, does not appear to us to be strongly enough committed to the national policy on civil rights as required in this extremely sensitive and important position.

Respectfully yours,

Donald F. H. Wallach MD
Donald F. H. Wallach, M.D.

Helen D. Wallach MD
Helen D. Wallach, M.D.

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DONALD F. H. WALLACH, M. D.
5 WALNUT AVENUE
CAMBRIDGE 40, MASSACHUSETTS

May 27, 1965

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The White House
Washington, D. C. 20025

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Helen D. Wallach

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DFHW/jb

July 21, 1965

Dear Miss Misheloff:

For the President I want to acknowledge your recent letter in which you expressed your views concerning the appointment of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the days ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Ruth Misheloff
Department of English
College of Arts & Sciences
State University of New York
Stony Brook, L.I., New York

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STATE UNIVERSITY OF NEW YORK
AT STONY BROOK
STONY BROOK, LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK

COLLEGE OF
ARTS & SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

May 26, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

I have recently learned that you are probably intending to appoint ex-Mississippi governor J. P. Coleman to one of the vacancies in the bench of the Fifth District Court. Reputedly, ex-Governor Coleman is, in Mississippi terms, a "moderate," which means, in ordinary terms, that his commitment to full and immediate justice for Negroes is not sufficiently strong or forthright to warrant his appointment to a federal judgeship by a President whose verbal commitment to the civil rights cause is so resounding as yours.

I urge you, therefore, not to sanction Mr. Coleman's "moderation" by giving him a federal appointment. To do so will undermine the American public's confidence in your sincerity on the civil rights question.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Misheloff

Ruth Misheloff

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July 22, 1965

Dear Dr. Eglash:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. Albert Eglash
1824 Hays
San Luis Obispo, California

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June 30, 1965

Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I hope you will reconsider appointing Mr. Coleman of Mississippi to a federal position where his anti-integration prejudices can cripple the implementation of the civil rights legislation. Both as a citizen and as a professional psychologist interested in clinical and social problems, I am concerned about the hypocrisy implied in such an appointment.

Sincerely,

A Eglash

Albert Eglash, PhD

471 Henderson
(after July 15: 1824 Hays)
San Luis Obispo, Calif.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Segal:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Maurice Segal
1041 North Formosa Avenue
Hollywood 46, California

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MAURICE SEGAL

1041 North Formosa Avenue
Hollywood 46, California (per envelope)

July 1, 1965

Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am aghast at your nomination of James Coleman to be a Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Please reconsider your endorsement of this racist.

Cordially,

Maurice Segal

MS:aj

THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Asbel:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Asbel (Gloria Asbel)
1824 Waite Avenue
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001

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Gloria Ashel

July 2, 1965

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Please use your influence with members of the Congress to block confirmation of your appointment of Governor Coleman of Mississippi to the U.S. Court of Appeals.

Of course you know he is a racist.

Sincerely,
Gloria Ashel

Mr. + Mrs. Joseph Ashel
1824 Waite Ave.
Kalamazoo, Mich. 49001

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Descamps:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. V. J. Descamps
Apartment 24
405 Dunwoody Drive
Tallahassee, Florida

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405 Dunwoody Dr
Tallahassee, Fla
30 Jan 1965

Dear Mr President

Newspaper reports say you are suggesting Gov Coleman of Mississippi for a federal judgeship in the 5th US district.

In view of Judge Cox's conduct, this seems ridiculous. It seems to me you would just compound your troubles

& protest his appointment & suggest you appoint some one who is both to be ~~more~~ less biased

Respectfully
V Descamps

THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Sitkin:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Gussie Sitkin
President, Council
Women for Legislative Action
12334 Landale Street
Studio City, California

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WOMEN FOR LEGISLATIVE ACTION

June 30, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Council of Women for Legislation Active, representing approximately 1,000 women in the Los Angeles area, voted to express our concern at your appointment of former Governor James Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. We consider this a direct negation of your attitude and concern for the Democratic rights of our Negro citizens, as expressed in your recent talk to the Nation, and the Voting Rights Bill which you introduced.

From his past political history, James Coleman is known as one who is committed to frustrating the will of the people and the human rights guaranteed to every man regardless of race. Most recent evidence is his defense of the five Congressmen from Mississippi who were illegally elected, due to the disenfranchisement of Negroes.

We urge you to reconsider this appointment, so that this Federal Appeals Court may adequately safeguard the civil rights of all citizens.

Sincerely

Gussie Sitkin

Mrs. Gussie Sitkin, President
Council, Women for Legislative Action
12334 Landale St., Studio City, Calif.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Schulze:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Fred Schulze
518 Central Avenue
New Haven, Connecticut

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518 Central Ave.
New Haven, Conn.
June 30, 1965

Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

The speech at Howard University was very nice. It began to explore some of the serious work that this country has to do before it can call itself a democracy. You were the first President to admit how much has to be done and how difficult the task is for every citizen of the United States.

I have one question, then. Do you really think you are doing your part by nominating former Gov. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals? Good speeches are fine and necessary. And we can all do something about the problem. But let's face it, you've got the power, and you use it.

Appointing Coleman to this critical position is an incredible bit of contemptible hypocrisy. Do you really think that the American Negro is going to respect that kind of "law and order" ?

I urge you to reconsider this rash and destructive act.

Respectfully,

Fred Schulze

Fred Schulze

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Cadman:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. George Cadman
Apartment 14-D
31 Jane Street
New York 14, New York

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June 27, 1965
31 Jane St. - 14-D
N.Y. 14, N.Y.

The Office of the President
The White House
Washington D. C.

Sirs:

I was quick to write and express my appreciation of The President's moving and historic voting rights speech. Therefore, it is with a feeling of sadness that I must protest The President's nomination of the staunch segregationist, former Governor Coleman, to the Federal bench.

I have wired my sentiments to the Senators from New York, and can only hope that ratification will not be forthcoming.

"We Shall Overcome"?
With Judge Coleman? I doubt it!

Sincerely
George Cadman

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Moskovit:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Harriet Moskovit
1250 18th Street
Boulder, Colorado

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1250-18th Street
Boulder, Colorado
June 23, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

How could you have named racist J.P. Coleman, author of the infamous Mississippi Sovereignty Commission, to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals?

Must one conclude sadly that your interest in civil rights is only a political pose?

Must we come to regret all the hours that we spent last fall campaigning for your election?

Sincerely yours,

Harriet Moskovit

(Mrs.) Harriet Moskovit
Once a hard-working Republican for Johnson

July 22, 1965

Dear Professor Lievestro:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Professor Christiaan T. Lievestro
Grist Mill Road
Grist Mills, Pennsylvania

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Grist Mill Road
Glen Mills, Pa.
24 June 1965

Dear Mr. president -

In view of the eloquent support you have given to the Civil Rights movement and the historic leadership you have given to humane civil justice, I am deeply, deeply dismayed that you should consider naming James P. Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals. Since this court is one of the most critical in the nation for deciding racial issues, it seems not only necessary but logical from your previous position that a true liberal be nominated to this post. All the public talk seems meaningless if specific support to a liberal court is not forthcoming from your office. Please, please, Mr. president - name a liberal, not Mr. Coleman!

Respectfully yours -

Christiaan T. Lievestro, Ph.D. Professor of Humanities

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Wood:

For the President I want to acknowledge your recent letter in which you expressed your views concerning the appointment of Governor Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the days ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Richard J. Wood
19 Compton Street
New Haven, Connecticut 06511

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19 Compton St.
New Haven, Conn. 06511
June 30,1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to express my surprise and displeasure at your appointment of former Mississippi Governor Coleman to the Federal judiciary. The extent to which he and other authorities of that state have made a mockery of justice has been well documented, and I cannot understand how you can, with integrity, appoint him to such a post. I do not, for a moment, doubt your sincerity in the civil rights field. This appointment, however, is not consistent with the goals you have enunciated.

Furthermore, I doubt that it is good politics. Do you really think that the future of Southern politics rests with such men, and that even if it does, it will be Democratic? In the long run, a strong Democratic party must be built on justice and equality, as you yourself have recognized.

I urge you to withdraw the appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Wood

(The Rev.) Richard J. Wood

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New Haven, Conn. 06511
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The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

Richard J. Wood

(The Rev.) Richard J. Wood

July 22, 1965

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For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Anne S. Anton
12435 Debby Street
North Hollywood, California

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Dear Pres. Johnson

This morning I read in the Los Angeles Times of the possibility of appointing Ex Gov. Coleman as a Federal Judge. It is beyond my understanding how this man with his open hatred of civil rights could even be considered for such a position. After all one can't say one is a friend to the Negro people and then appoint a man to a position where he can vote against their interests.

We all know how some of the Southern Federal Judges have constantly

gained decisions on civil rights issues which in other areas of our country would have been contrary.

It makes me wonder about you, dear Pres. Johnson - how can one extend the hand in friendship and then turn it into a fist.

Jim Coleman is a "Southern Gentleman" first and "Federal" employee - Government Servant second. He is the wrong man. Don't oppose him.

Sincerely yours

Mrs Anne S Anton
12435 Debby St
10 Hollywood Calif

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Tamplin:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Gene R. Tamplin
Apartment 9
2456 West Whittier Boulevard
La Habra, California

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MRS. GENE R. TAMPLIN
2456 WEST WHITTIER BLVD., APT. 9, LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

Dear Mr. President

Your appointment of Judge Coleman to a federal judgeship in Mississippi is appalling and inconsistant with your stand on civil rights. His beliefs and methods can only lead to great harm of negro rights as well as your image — please resend this appointment at once.

Sincerely
Mr. Gene R. Tamplin

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Wauldauer:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Karen Wauldauer
48 Fresh Pond Road
East Brunswick, New Jersey 08816

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E. Brunswick, NJ 08816

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Dear Mr. President,

I am appalled at your appointment of J. P. Coleman to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

This man has a lengthy history of the most vicious racism, and it is quite inconceivable to me that he be expected to act with impartiality on racial cases coming out of the southern states.

I have written to my Senators urging that they do their best to see that the Senate does not approve this appointment.

Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Karen Waldauer

48 Stuart Ford Road
Brunswick, Ga. 31520

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July 1, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

I am opposed to your appointment of J. P. Coleman to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

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Sincerely,

(Mrs.) Steve Wadsworth

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Hill:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Dorothy P. Hill
311 19th Street
Boulder, California

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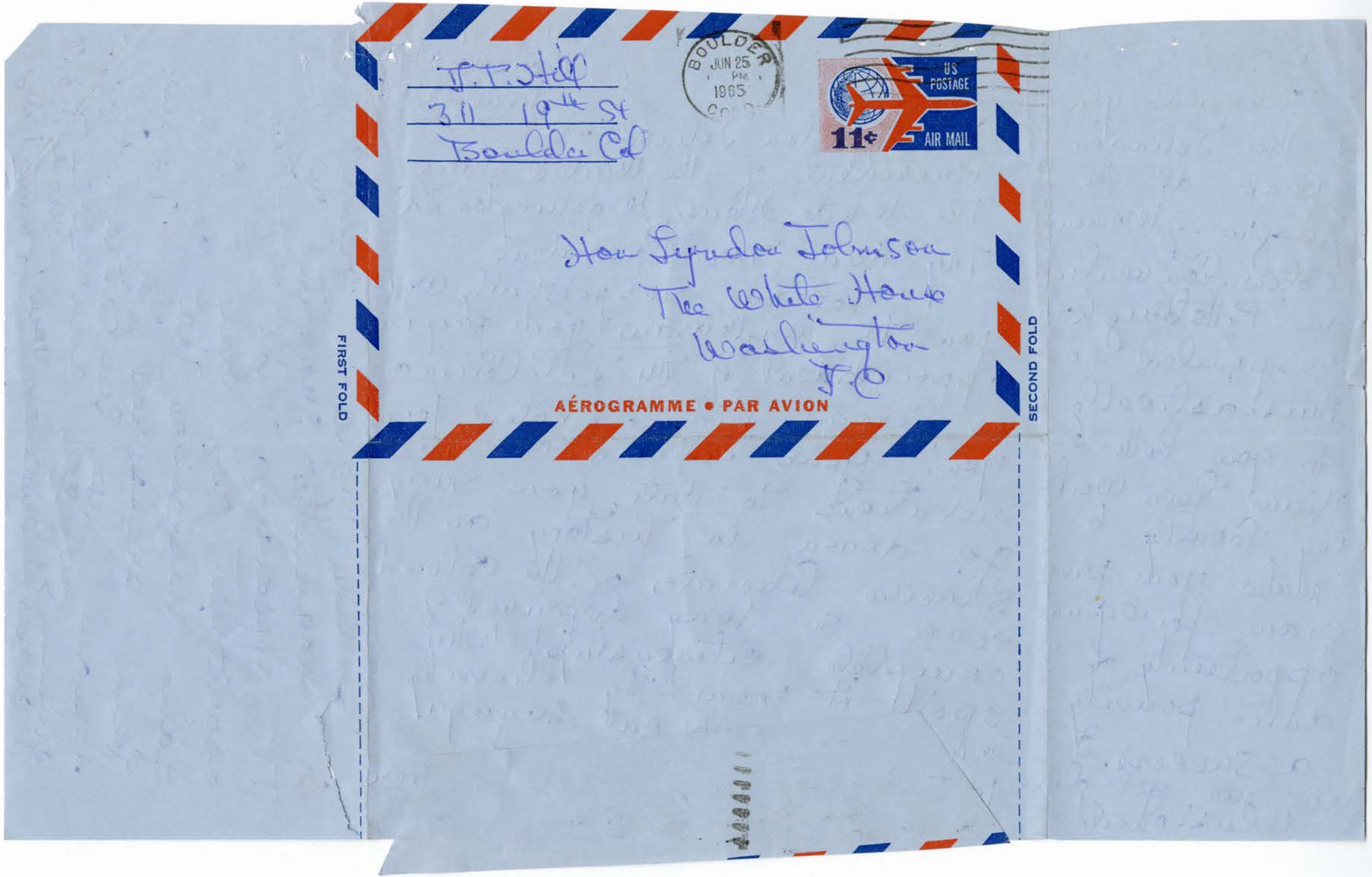
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Hon Lyndon Johnson
The White House
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I heard you & Mrs Johnson speak at the League of Women Voters Convention in Pittsburgh — responded enthusiastically to you both & have been working locally to make your program for equal opportunity & anti-poverty a success. I am not yet disillusioned!

311 19th St
Boulder Col
June 25. 65

Hon Lyndon Johnson
President of the United States
The White House, Washington D.C

My dear Mr President

Let me respectfully urge you to withdraw your proposed appointment of Mr J.P. Coleman as Circuit Judge. I voted for you, your record on race relations to date, you may go down in history as the sincere liberator of the colored race so long deprived of complete citizenship. Why spoil it now by choosing an out and out segregationist for a key position where he can in effect nullify the civil rights laws of the land. The appointment would not be in the spirit of the Negro Freedom Fighters who put you up & guided you & successfully supported this candidacy. Moreover, I appeal to you as a Southerner that you make a gesture of good faith to the Negro citizens of the South (a white Tennessee) & appoint a Negro judge. Sincerely yours

Mrses — Hayes + Prof. Hill
Forsythe Tennessee

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Talbott:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Addison M. Talbott (Marie H. Talbott)
717 17th Street
Boulder, Colorado

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MRS. ADDISON M. TALBOTT
717 SEVENTEENTH STREET
BOULDER, COLORADO

June 24, 1965

The President of the U.S.
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As a good Democrat and one who has been intensely appreciative of your work for civil rights, I was shocked to hear that you had recommended Ex-Gov. Coleman of Mississippi be appointed judge of the Circuit Court of Appeals.

I understand that while he was governor of Mississippi, he founded the Sovereignty Commission which voted $193,000 of state monies to White Citizens Councils.

If this is true, and I have reason to believe it is, his appointment would be a bitter travesty and a set-back to the attaining of racial justice.

Sincerely yours,

Marie H. Talbott

July 22, 1965

Dear Father McSorley:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Richard T. McSorley, S.J.
Georgetown University
Washington, D.C.

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WASHINGTON 7, D. C.

June 23, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am dismayed and disappointed to learn that your nomination of the former Governor of Mississippi, J. P. Coleman to fill the vacancy in the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

My dismay arises from the clear prospect that his presence on the Court will make the success of Civil Rights far more difficult and certainly much slower than if the appointment was of almost anyone else.

Because former Governor Coleman is an extremely intelligent and able man his long record of advocacy of the practice of colored segregation makes him far more of a difficulty for Civil Rights than a less capable man. Former Governor Coleman is one of the chief architects of most of Mississippi's political and legal structure of segregation. He advised the state in its massive resistance to the 1954 Supreme Court decision. He advised the legislature of Mississippi in the wording of most of its anti-Negro laws.

If he becomes a United States Judge in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, he will be in a key position to sway the decisions of the court against justice, against Civil Rights. In the name of the poor of Mississippi who have received very little in the way of justice from the United Courts in the past, I respectfully plead with you to withdraw the nomination of this man. Former Governor Coleman's great legal ability can be used by the United States in other positions where he would not be so harmful to the common good and so likely to bring harm on both himself and the aggrieved people of Mississippi.

I feel that your own intense and personal conviction that justice must be done in the area of colored prejudice will impel you to consider this petition with favor.

Respectfully yours,

Richard T. McSorley

Reverend Richard T. McSorley S. J.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Tamler:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Howard Tamler
10 San Andreas
San Francisco 27, California

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Dear President Johnson, June 18

You have shown your hypocrisy in the civil rights field by appointing former Mississippi governor J. P. Colemen to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, which hears most of the civil rights suits in the South. I urge you to reconsider and to appoint instead someone who will support the Constitution of the U. S.

I also support Martin L. King's proposals to take civil rights crimes out of the hands of Southern courts, since they can not be depended upon to enforce the law.

yours truly,

Howard Tamler

Howard Tamler

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Whitman:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Stephen V. R. Whitman
Burton Lane
Cedarhurst, New York

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STEPHEN V. R. WHITMAN
BURTON LANE
CEDARHURST, N. Y.

June 19, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

I would like to express my opposition to your appointment of James P. Coleman as judge for the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I realize that political expediency sometimes dictates appointing unqualified men to various offices, but I believe it to be a disgrace - and a blot on the United States of America - for you to appoint Mr. Coleman, an avowed segregationist and, therefore, one who does not uphold the spirit of the

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STEPHEN V. R. WHITMAN
BURTON LANE
CEDARHURST, N. Y.

Constitution of the United States, to this very important and sensitive post. Naturally it would be gratifying to see you revoke his appointment, but if you do not do so, I would appreciate a full explanation of your reasons for appointing Mr. Coleman.

Respectfully yours,

Stephen V.R. Whitman

July 22, 1965

Dear Dr. Smylie:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. John Edwin Smylie
Office of the Chaplain
Occidental College
Los Angeles, California 90041

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OCCIDENTAL COLLEGE LOS ANGELES 41, CALIFORNIA 90041

Office of the Chaplain

June 28, 1965

President Lyndon Baines Johnson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Is it really necessary to appoint J. P. Coleman as judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals? His record in the sensitive area of civil rights while Governor of the State of Mississippi, and the reaction among the Negro community in the South to your nomination mean that he can be nothing but a source of contention in enforcing civil rights legislation and in bringing justice to the Negro community.

I oppose this nomination and urge you to withdraw it.

Further, I am writing Senators Kuchel and Murphy urging them to oppose the appointment in the Senate.

As one who has found it a privilege to support you on so many other things, including Viet-Nam and the poverty program, I am disappointed that you should be willing to place this unnecessary judicial obstacle in the path of the civil rights movement.

Sincerely yours,

John Edwin Smylie

John Edwin Smylie, Th.D.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Schaffer:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Wilma Schaffer
1940 East 29th Street
Oakland, California

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1940 E. 29 Street
Oakland, California
June 25, 1965

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President, Sir:

You astonish ... and bitterly disappoint many of your erstwhile followers.

HOW can your conscience justify recommending Ex Governor Coleman to sit in judgment on Civil Rights cases?????

How can you EXPECT a man of his obviously sincere segregationist convictions to judge fairly and impartially those who are sacrificing themselves to aid in YOUR promise (?) to guarantee to all Americans, (whatever their color), the right to BE Americans?

Please be as big as we'd hoped you'd be.

PLEASE !

Wilma Schaffer.

Wilma Schaffer
1940 E. 29 Street
Oakland, California

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William Schaffer

William Schaffer
1940 E. 29 Street
Oakland, California

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Irish:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Lura B. Irish
41 Malvina Place
San Francisco, California 94108

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Lura B. Irish
41 Malvina Place
San Francisco
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The President
The White House
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Sir:

I can no longer support your program, either domestic, or foreign. You are talking out of both sides of your mouth. Your actions do not follow your words.

You speak of poverty, and extend a pittance to solve it. You talk of civil liberties, then appoint former Mississippi Governor J. P. Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court which hears most of the civil rights suits in the South. Certainly you could have found someone less patently one-sided.

You talk of peace, peace, peace, while esculating the war in Vietnam. You say you cannot do more to alleviate problems in the world as long as there are those unwilling to leave their neighbors alone in peace--and then invade the Dominican Republic in order to thwart an attempt by the people to overthrow a right wing government and restore constitutional government.

In other words, I cannot believe what you say, or respect your actions. You are not adroit--you are aggressive and coercive in order to carry through your "shoot from the hip" solutions to problems.

Surely you would find your very difficult task as President an easier one if you truly sought peaceful solutions and just solutions to world problems.. and did not feel it up to you with ppwerful U.S. backing to run the entire world.

Sincerely,

Lura Irish

Lura B..Irish

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Plank:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Dale Plank (Beverly Plank)
811 9th Street
Boulder, Colorado

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811 - 9th St.
Boulder, Colo.
June 22, 1965

The Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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With the opportunity before you to correct at least a small part of the cause of inequality before the law faced by Negro citizens (as well as law-abiding and reasonable white citizens), you choose instead to endorse and reward a man dedicated to hatred, bigotry, and defiance of law and justice. I HAVE NEVER BEEN SO DISAPPOINTED IN AN ACTION OF A PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATED. Surely conciliatory gestures to the white supremacist southern power structure can be made in an area less crucial to human and legal rights than the courts.

I can only hope that the conscience of our Senate is working and that your appointment of Mr. Coleman will not be approved.

With deepest regret and disappointment,

Beverly Plank

Mrs. Dale Plank
Block worker, Boulder Co. Democratic Party

611 - 9th St.
Boulder, Colo.
June 22, 1965

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President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

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Beverly Flank

Mrs. Dale Flank
Block worker, Boulder Co. Democratic Party

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Holmes:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Louis Holmes, Jr.
Secretary-Treasurer
Laborers Union Local 334
Detroit, Michigan

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. McKennett:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Dale D. McKennett
First Presbyterian Church
Box 327
Lisbon, North Dakota

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First Presbyterian Church

BOX 327

Lisbon, North Dakota

DALE D. McKENNETT, MINISTER

TELEPHONE 683-4541

6/30/65

President Lyndon Johnson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to express my shock at your appointment of J.P. Coleman for appointment to the Fifth Curcuit Court of Appeals. Since this former governor was an architect of much of Mississippi's segregationist laws I fail to see how he could be impartial in Federal Civil Rights cases which he will surely have to face. I fail to see the value of such an appointment and hope the Congress will turn him down.

Sincerely Yours,

Dale McKennett

Rev. Dale McKennett

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July 26, 1965

Dear Miss Weissberg:

For the President, I want to acknowledge the letter from you and those who joined with you concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Karel M. Weissberg
6 Washington Street
Manchester, Massachusetts

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Jackson City Jail
Jackson, Mississippi
June 20, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson -

We write you from the Jackson City Jail, having been arrested while exercising rights guaranteed to us by the First and Fourteenth Amendments. We were marching to protest the special session of the illegally elected Mississippi Legislature because we believe their purpose is to devise means to circumvent your new voting rights bill.

Today, for the first time since Monday, we saw a newspaper and read that you have nominated J.P. Coleman, ex-governor of Mississippi, to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. How can you make strong statements (as in your fine speech this past spring) about the present need for voting rights in the South and then appoint a man who will obviously not enforce your bill in the Fifth Circuit? How can we and the people—black and white—of Mississippi expect justice from segregationist judges intent on maintaining an unjust status quo?

We strongly urge you to reconsider and to withdraw this unwise nomination.

For Freedom,

Urian Suburg 446½ Sandfair S.A. 24, Calif.
Marjory Cohen 171 Aldershot Lane Manhasset, NY
Rose Vogel 12 Arnold Circle Cambridge 39 Mass.
Mae Stadler 246 Eastside Dr. San Jose 27, Calif.
Jane Silver 102 Manhasset Woods Road, Manhasset, N.Y.
→ Karel M. Weissberg 6 Washington St., Manchester, Mass.

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Lehane:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Mary L. Lehane

San Rafael, California

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

AS A LOYAL DEMOCRAT AND YOUR STAUNCH SUPPORTER I PROTEST COLEMAN APPOINTMENT. YOU TALK ONE WAY AND ACT ANOTHER. HOW SAD

MARY L LEHANE.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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Miss Mary L. Lehane

San Rafael, California

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Nickerson:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Daniel Nickerson
Tried Stone Baptist Church
1951 Boston Road
Bronx, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT WE THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE TRIED STONE BAPTIST CHURCH ARE SHOCKED AMAZED AND DEEPLY TROUBLED BY YOUR APPOINTMENT OF MR J P COLEMAN OF MISSISSIPPI THE RECORD THAT THIS MAN HAS ESTABLISHED AS A WHITE SUPREMIST AND A SEGREGATIONIST MAKES IT INCONCEIVABLE THAT ANY ONE WOULD CONSIDER HIM AS THE JUDGE ON THE CIRCUIT COURT. SIR, WE PROTEST WITH ALL OUR BEING THIS

APPOINTMENT WE URGE YOU SIR TO WITHDRAW THE SAME RESPECTFULLY

YOURS

TRIED STONE BAPTIST CHURCH REV DANIEL NICKERSON MINISTER

HENRIETTA CROCKER SECRETARY 1951 BOSTON RD BRONX NEW YORK NY.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Vass:

Your recent letter commending the President for the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman has been received and is greatly appreciated.

The President has asked that I send his best wishes.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John S. Vass, Jr.
Executive Secretary
Citizen's Committee to Keep
America Free
4520 Alabama Avenue
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37409

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4520 ALABAMA AVE., CHATTANOOGA, TENN 37409 TELEPHONE: 821-2800

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JOHN S. VASS, JR.
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

July 3, 1965

Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

We would like to commend you for having appointed the honorable James Coleman, former Governor of the State of Mississippi, to a position on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Governor Coleman will provide, we are sure, a great service to the American people during his term on said court.

Sincerely yours,

John S. Vass, Jr.

John S. Vass, Jr.
Executive Secretary

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June 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Hickox:

Thank you very much for your endorsement of Governor James P. Coleman as Judge to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. As you may know, he has now been nominated for this position.

The President appreciates your interest and has asked that I send his best wishes.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. William A. Hickox
Principal, Kate Griffin Junior High School
Meridian Public Schools
28th Avenue and Davis Street
Meridian, Mississippi

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KATE GRIFFIN JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
MERIDIAN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
28TH AVENUE AND DAVIS STREET
MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

April 30, 1965

The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

THE NAME OF JAMES P. COLEMAN HAS BEEN MENTIONED

As a possible appointee to the Fifth District Court of Appeals. His presence on this bench could lend dignity to the entire judiciary.

Mr. Coleman is a proven jurist and is a competent lawyer. He is obviously a loyal Democrat.

Perhaps above all these things he is an honest man and possessed of an understanding of humanitarianism that is not often found.

Please give this recommendation your serious consideration, even though I wield no special political power.

William A. Hickox

William A. Hickox
Principal

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Ludwig
9429 Kirkside Road
Los Angeles, California

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

RACE PREJUDICE HAS NO PLACE ON FEDERAL BENCH URGE

NOMINATION OF GOVERNOR COLEMAN BE RESCINDED

MR AND MRS VICTOR LUDWIG 9429 KIRKSIDE RD LOSANGELES 35.

July 22, 1965

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Llewellyn:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Llewellyn
344 Alvarado Avenue
Los Altos, California

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Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

RESPECTFULLY URGE WITHDRAWAL YOUR NOMINATION COLEMAN FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT. KNOWN SEGREGATIONIST APPEARS INCAPABLE JUDICIAL IMPARTIALITY

DR AND MRS THOMAS H LLEWELLYN 344 ALVARADO AVE LOS ALTOS CALIF.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Lawrence:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Thomas C. Lawrence
2728 1/2 Stuart Street
Berkeley, California 94705

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T. C. Lawrence
2728½ Stuart St.
Berkeley, Calif. 94705.

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President Lyndon B. Johnson,

The White House,

Washington 25,

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July 5, 1965.

Dear Mr. President:

Governor Coleman's illness could be providential in giving you the opportunity of withdrawing your nomination of a blatant segregationist as a federal judge, who will be largely occupied with civil-rights cases.

I hope you will appoint someone who is more healthy and more liberal to this important post.

Thomas Gentry

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Gross:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. H. W. Gross
106 North C Street
Madera, California 93637

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W. W. Gross
106 N. G St
Madera, Calif 93637

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President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President — 6-24-65

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Maybe President Kennedy's martyrdom in office got us a little more time

But the appointment of Coleman to that judgeship may be that "last straw"!

God have mercy on our country if something isn't done about that Jackson compound! F. W. Gross, Dir. Vf. VMI
former teacher + coach

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wright:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wright
4310 Olympia Drive
Los Angeles 43, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

SIR, I BELIEVE YOU OWE A DETAILED EXPLANATION TO A VAST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY AS TO WHY YOU HAVE APPOINTED JAMES A COLEMAN AN ARCH SEGREGATIONIST TO A FEDERAL COURT BENCH. THE MAN HIMSELF MAY BE QUALIFIED BUT HIS HEART ISN'T IN THE NEGROES FIGHT FOR EQUALITY YOUR APPOINTMENT OF MR COLEMAN IS A BITTER PILL TO SWALLOW A FACT YOU MUST REALIZE

RALPH AND PEGGY L WRIGHT

4310 OLYMPIA DR LOS

ANGELES 43 CALIF.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Henderson:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

(Kathleen W. Henderson)

Mrs. W. H. Henderson
275 North Highland Avenue
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

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275 North Highland Ave.
Lansdowne, Penna.
July 6, 1965

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

It is with great disappointment and a heavy heart that my husband and I read of recent events in the field of civil rights. How can we hope that justice will be any more fairly administered in the South than it has been in the past when we read the unbelievable record of your choice for the Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court? Judge Coleman seems to be against everything that you have said you want for our country. Please, Mr. President, don't let us lose our faith in you over this unwise appointment.

Sincerely yours,
Kathleen W. Henderson
Mrs. W.H.Henderson

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Minert:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. F. R. Minert
3808 North Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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3808 N. Prospect Avenue
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
July 5, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear President Johnson,

We urge you to withdraw the appointment of James Coleman for the United States Court of Appeals for the fifth Circuit.

It should be obvious that a former governor of Mississippi is not qualified to hear civil rights cases. We find it hard to understand how you could have submitted his name.

Respectfully yours,

F R Minert
F. R. Minert

Mrs. F. R. Minert
Mrs. F. R. Minert

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Morse:

The President appreciated your kind words. Now that Governor Coleman has been confirmed, we look forward to years of distinguished service on the Court.

The President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. W. E. Morse
601-606 Bankers Trust Plaza Building
Jackson 1, Mississippi

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DAN W. MORSE

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June 30, 1965

President L. B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Thanks for nominating J. P. Coleman for the Circuit Court of Appeals. If confirmed he will make a strong member of the Judiciary. In fact, by experience, knowledge, understanding and integrity, he could and would fill this place with honor and with full credit to the highest and best judicial standards regardless of any personal views or opinions that he may have on any case before the Court.

The press indicates that some of the Kennedy Boys are going to oppose him. In the opinion of some, Coleman is not as liberal, or at least he has not been as liberal, as some of the liberals would like to require of a judge.

If some Senator or Senators would let the Kennedy Boys know that J. P. Coleman rode the train with their brother Jack and toured the state with him for the "Democratic Party" when Dick Nixon was carrying the state, it might cause them to think. This was loyalty and Mr. Kennedy recognized it as such and offered him a place in his Cabinet. This of necessity should be brought out in the hearing. Family pride for such loyalty should have some weight.

Someone should advise them of this and of the fact that Coleman stood by their brother when the going was rough and, in fact, it was this very loyalty to Kennedy and the Democratic Party that caused his defeat as Governor in the last election.

You are doing a good job, but working too hard.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Morse

W. E. Morse

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Anderson:

For the President I want to acknowledge your recent letter in which you expressed your views concerning the appointment of Governor Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the days ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. B. F. Anderson
323 West Nubia Street
San Dimas, California 91773

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San Dimas, Calif
July 1, 1965

President Lydon B. Johnson,

Dear Mr. President,

The very idea that you would consider Mississippi's Ex-Gov. Coleman for a federal judgeship in the 5th Circuit is unbelievable.

Pres. Kennedy nominated Judge Coy! That was and still is bad enough. Please don't permit Sen. Eastland to put you behind this eight-ball. No amount of explanation would ever put you back on the pedestal that we,

the Negro people, now have you on. The entire civil Rights movement would suffer a MORAL SETBACK.

Mississippi was and will be a Goldwater state for years to come. This nomination can only hurt you nationally and locally can't help you enough to change Mississippi to a JOHNSON STATE.

I urge you, I beg you, please rescind your nomination. As a Texas born Negro who has been a most vocal Johnson supporter I simply cannot understand

what you had in mind.
I repeat, please rescind
your nomination.

Mrs. B. F. Anderson
323 W. Nubia St.
San Dimas, Calif
91773.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Merrill:

For the President I want to acknowledge your recent letter in which you expressed your views concerning the appointment of Governor Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the days ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Merrill (Vanita Merrill)
3841 Northwest Bristol Drive
Route 1
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

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June 30, 1965

The President
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

As supporters of the Civil Rights Bill which you so resolutely helped Congress to pass, we noted with amazement and dismay the announcement of your intention to appoint James P. Coleman to the U.S. Court of Criminal Appeals. It strikes us as paradoxical that one so thoroughly committed to equality and dignity for all Americans as you are should even consider naming to an important judicial post a man who openly acknowledges his segregationist record. To be quite honest, it seems to us something very much like folly to entrust the administration of anti-discrimination legislation to a man who boasts of his success in defying and circumventing the law of the land. Is not public contempt for law intolerable in a judge?

We most earnestly urge you to reconsider this nomination. We believe that it is a serious mistake.

Very truly yours,

Vanita Merrill
Kenneth R. Merrill

Kenneth and Vanita Merrill
R.R. 1, 3841 N.W. Bristol Dr.
Norman, Oklahoma 73069

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Wachs:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Robert E. Wachs
Wolf, Block, Schorr
and Solis-Cohen
12th Floor, Packard Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19102

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June 21, 1965

Lyndon B. Johnson,
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I cannot imagine why you intend to appoint former Governor James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. It is my understanding that he is a dedicated segregationist.

Certainly such an appointment cannot achieve the goals you have set for the Negro.

Respectfully yours,

Robert E. Wachs

Robert E. Wachs

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Attorney General

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Tillman:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. William Tillman
14 Lindbergh Avenue
Rye, New York 10580

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June 19, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I urge you to reconsider your appointment of James Coleman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

I find it difficult to establish a relationship between this appointment which you have just announced, and your recent excellent pronouncements on race relations.

I cannot see how we, with this appointment, are helping Mississippi join the progress the rest of the country is making. Under you, sir, we have been able to accomplish much domestically, and I can only presume that under you we shall continue doing so. BUT NOT WITH JAMES COLEMAN.

Please reconsider.

Respectfully,

William Tillman

William Tillman
14 Lindbergh Ave.
Rye, New York 10580

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Mallory:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Myrel C. Mallory
1568 Hall Brook Drive
San Jose, California 95124

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1568 Hall Brook Dr.
San Jose, Calif. 95124
June 22, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir;

By selecting J. P. Coleman as your personal choice for appointment to the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth District you have broken faith with those Americans who would accept your word as your bond.

You said, Mr. President — "We shall overcome" — "I shall do everything in my power."

Your action now forces the question of sincerity, indeed even the honesty of those statements.

This is not as it should be.

Must it be this way?

Respectfully yours, Myrl C. Mallory

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Jones:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Mason Jones
727 Kenilworth
Dayton, Ohio

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July 2, 1965

President Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

I was appalled when I read of your appointment of James Coleman as a judge of the 5th circuit court of appeals. If his appointment is confirmed it would be a terrible blow to the negro and to what has been accomplished so far in civil rights.

I urge you to withdraw your appointment of Mr. Coleman and name someone who could be counted on to uphold the civil rights laws. Mr. Coleman's appointment could only bring to a halt the progress being made along these lines.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Mason Jones
727 Kenilworth
Dayton, Ohio

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Levy:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Michael A. Levy
7447 Asman
Canoga Park, California

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Michael A Levy
7447 Asman
Canoga Park Calif.

Dear Sir,

I, as a volenteer worker for the Democratic Party in Southern California and as a citizen concerned with civil rights, I am very disapointed with your selection for James P. Coleman as appeals court Judge to the 5th circuit of Appeals. At this time, this selection is a horrible example of hypocracy on your part. We need a Judge in the court for this area who will uphold the law, not thawart it.

Michael A Levy

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Cohen:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Myron Cohen
23 Ceil Place
Bethpage, New York

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

CAN AN INTERPOSITIONIST HONESTLY SWEAR ALLEGIANCE TO THE US CONSTITUTION AND FULFILL HIS DUTIES AS A JUDGE OF THE US FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. I URGE THE WITHDRAWAL OF GOVERNOR COLEMAN'S APPOINTMENT

MYRON COHEN ATTORNEY 23 CEIL PLACE BETHPAGE NY.

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Huffman:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Wilda T. Huffman
548 Tuolumne Place
Stockton, California 95207

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MR. PRESIDENT: YOU KEEP THIS UP AND WE WON'T BE ABLE TO ELECT A DEMOCRAT DOG CATCHER IN CALIFORNIA!
WILDA HUFFMAN

Federal Judge Nominee

Overflow Rights Protest

Washington

Civil rights groups gathered here yesterday to protest nomination of segregationist James P. Coleman to a Deep South Federal court. But an early morning attack of kidney colic sent the former Mississippi governor to a hospital and forced an indefinite postponement of the Senate hearing on his appointment.

A large crowd of white and Negro spectators had filled the hearing room and overflowed into the corridors when the Judiciary Subcommittee learned that Coleman would be unable to appear.

Coleman was nominated by President Johnson to succeed the late Judge Ben Cameron, of Meridian, Miss., on the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which handles more civil rights cases than any other court in the nation exceptt he U.S. Supreme Court.

Civil rights organizations are fighting the nomination on grounds that Coleman was the architect of many Mississippi laws designed to thwart Federal civil rights statutes. Several statements had been prepared for the subcommittee.

"An affront and an insult to the Negro people of the South and to all Americans of good will," said John Lewis, chairman of the student non-violent coordinating committee.

Alan Schiffman, spokesman for the Congress of Racial Equality, described Coleman as "an unregenerate segregationist," adding:

"At some point in our nation's history, we will have to recognize that if we allow such men to decide the fate of millions of America's southern Negroes, we are no less accomplices to murder than any."

A statement opposing Coleman also had been prepared by a Michigan Negro congressman. Representative John Conyers, who called him "a dedicated and effective segregationist who has consistently used his great legal skills to subvert Federal court decisions enforcing the constitutional guarantees of justice for all."

But Senate GOP leader Everett M. Dirksen, Ill., ranking Republican on the Judiciary Committee, told reporters he thought Coleman would be approved because a person seeking office as a candidate might make statements he would not embrace as a judge.

Coleman's defeat in Mississippi's last gubernatorial election was blamed in part on his support in 1960 of the late President John F. Kennedy. Although he campaigned as a segregationist, he was considered more moderate than some opponents.

But Coleman has been serving as attorney for Mississippi Congressmen whose seating has been challenged on grounds that they were elected illegally due to systematic exclusion of Mississippi Negroes from voting.

Associated Press

FAA Nominee Receives an OK

Washington

The Senate Commerce Committee yesterday approved President Johnson's nomination of retired Air Force General William F. McKee to head the Federal Aviation Agency.

Congress already has approved a bill to permit McKee's nomination to the post, notwithstanding a law barring military men from the top civil aeronautics job.

United Press

Wilda Towle Huffman
548 Tuolumne Place
Stockton, Calif. 95207

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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President, U.S.A.
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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Major:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman.

Please be assured that it was only after very careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the months ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harry R. Major
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July 3, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your appointment of former Governer Coleman of Mississippi to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals is shocking indeed. This man helped to pass all sorts of white supremacy bills when he was Governor. He is hardly the kind of judge we want to consider complex civil rights cases.

Your advocacy of strong civil rights legislation on the one hand and this dreadful appointment on the other make a sharp contrast indeed. I cannot grasp your logic, and I consider the choice quite irresponsible. I think, in fact, it is high time for a Negro judge; at least, however, we want one who believes in civil rights. Even Homer Thornberry is possessed of a bad record on civil rights.

If you wish to impress me with your interest in civil rights, I suggest that you seek better men for the federal bench. I am writing to both my senators, asking them to oppose this ludicrous man.

Sincerely yours,

Harry R. Major

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