

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

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

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF LABORERS LOCAL 334 AND THEIR
FAMILIES OBJECT TO THE APPOINTMENT OF FORMER GOVERNOR OF
MISSISSIPPI JAMES COLEMAN AS THE JUDGE OF THE FIFTH CIRCUIT
COURT OF APPEALS. WE FEEL THAT YOU WILL TAKE A FIRM POSITION IN THIS
SITUATION AND DECIDE WHAT IS BEST FOR THE COUNTRY AS A WHOLE.
THE MEMBERSHIP TRUSTS YOUR OPINION AND JUDGMENT BUT DO NOT CONCUR

WITH THE APPOINTMENT THAT YOU MADE OF JAMES COLEMAN

LOUIE HOLMES JR SECTY TREASURER LABORERS UNION LOCAL \$334.

July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. and Mrs. David Sachs
1540 Sixth Avenue
San Francisco, California

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THE PRESIDENT

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BELIEVE GOVERNOR COLEMAN COURT APPOINTMENT CONTRADICTS RIGHTFUL

LEGAL PROCESS IN SOUTH THAT YOU PUBLICLY ADVOCATE

DR AND MRS DAVID SACHS 1540 6TH AVE SAN FRANCISCO CALIF.

FORM 100 - PRINTED AT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1964 O - 354-100

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Peebles:

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

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Mr. Ivey Edwin Peebles
Post Office Box 1311
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520

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Residence:
Aiken Road
Waveland, Miss.

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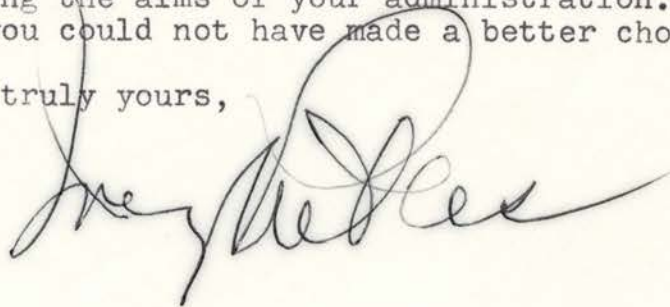
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Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

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His creative ability and self-drive have enabled him to
distinguish himself in a number of fields. The breadth
and depth of his understanding have freed him from the
fetters of localism and prepared him to give valuable
assistance in attaining the aims of your administration.
I think you could not have made a better choice.

Very truly yours,



Telephone
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West Wing

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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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. Robert H. Cobb
Apartment 30
Ivanhoe Court
Nashville, Tennessee 37203

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

Dear: Mr: President
Permit me my friend to express my
profound appreciation for your nomination
of Gov: James P. Coleman to the U.S. fifth
circuit Court of appeals.

with warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely your Friend
Robert H. Cobb

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

Dear Mr. President
Permit me my friend to express my
gratitude for your invitation
to Mr. James P. Bohannon to the U.S. 4th
Annual Court of Appeals.

With warm personal regards, I am
Sincerely your friend
Robert H. Cobb

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Folsom:

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

X
Mr. James E. Folsom
Box 285
Cullman, Alabama

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June 18, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

Congratulations on nominating my former colleague,
James P. Coleman, for Federal Judge at New Orleans.

Sincerely,



JAMES E. FOLSOM

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June 18, 1965

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The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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Sincerely,


JAMES E. FOLSON

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Hirsch:

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

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Mr. Fred Hirsch
170 North Eleventh
San Jose, California

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR COLEMAN RECOMMENDATION THROWS SLIME IN THE FACE

OF JUSTICE. SHAME

FRED HIRSCH 170 NORTH 11.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Speir:

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. D. Speir
767 Moran Street
Lincoln Park, Michigan 48146

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

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June 19, '65.

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

..... We strongly
oppose the appointment
of J. P. Coleman to the
5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,
D. Speer.

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Sterne:

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 Emma ^X Sterne
1125 Carolyn Avenue
San Jose, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

BITTERLY DISAPPOINTED YOUR APPOINTMENT OF COLEMAN TO FIFTH CIRCUIT
JUDGESHIP

EMMA STERNE 1125 CAROLYN AVE.

FORM 408 PRINTED BY THE STANDARD REGISTER COMPANY U. S. A.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weyman:

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weyman
3059 Deseret Drive
Richmond, California

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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RECORD IN OPPOSITION YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS BILL

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Gluckman:

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. S. C. ^XGluckman
1000 Cordova Drive
Orlando, Florida

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1000 Cordova Dr.
Orlando, Fla.
June 21, 1965

Dear President Johnson:

It was with regret that I learned of your appointment of former Governor Coleman to the Bench of the Fifth Circuit. As a law student I have learned that law enforcement & construction is just as good as the people enforcing the law. From indications now present, & let us hope they will be proven erroneous, the courts will be powerless & lawlessness which resulted in the Medgar Evers death, & the others, will continue & perhaps be encouraged.

With completely qualified & available appointees of the highest caliber, this appointment is regrettable.

Very Truly,
Mrs. A. C. Gluckman

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mayers:

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

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Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Mayers
77 Strafford Road
Kensington, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

IN THE NAME OF JUSTICE DO NOT APPOINT JUDGE COLEMAN TO CIRCUIT
COURT OF APPEALS

MR AND MRS IRWIN MAYERS 77 STRAFFORD RD KENSINGTON CALIF.

FORM 100 - PRINTED BY THE U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1964 O - 350-000

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and 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

The Reverend and Mrs. William H. Henderson
275 North Highland Avenue
Lansdowne, Pennsylvania

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE ARE DEEPLY SHOCKED AND DISAPPOINTED AT YOUR NOMINATION OF COLEMAN
FOR FEDERAL JUDGE

REVEREND AND MRS WILLIAM H HENDERSON 275 NORTH HIGHLAND AVE
LANSDOWNE PENN.

FORM 838 - PRINTED BY THE STALLARD RESURTEX COMPANY, N. Y. N. Y.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. McClintock:

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

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Mr. C. H. McClintock
4800 Woodward
Detroit 1, Michigan

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE RETRACT NOMINATION OF J P COLEMAN TO FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT

THIS INSULTS THE NATION

(CANNON) HOWARD MCCLINTOCK 4800 WOODWARD DETROIT 1 MICH.

FORM 404 PRINTED BY THE STANDARD REGISTER COMPANY, U. S. A.

July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

X Parents Mississippi Freedom
X Association of Southern California
11169 Braddock Drive
Culver City, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

STRONGLY URGE WITHDRAWAL COLEMAN APPOINTMENT FIFTH CIRCUIT

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PARENTS MISSISSIPPI FREEDOM ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

11169 BRADDOCK DR CULVER CITY CALIF.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. McAllister:

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. Herbert McAllister
Route 3
Milan, Tennessee

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Milan Tenn.
Route 3
July 5, 1965.

President Lyndon B. Johnson;
Kind Sir.

I am writing you in regard to the appointment of Mr. James O. Coleman to the Fifth U.S. Circuit court of appeals, the American people are asking you to not let the pressure groups pressure you into not appointing him to this post.

President Johnson you carried several states in the South especially Tennessee so we are asking you not to listen to these pressure groups we think it is rather bit right for you to appoint some of the southern people to the political jobs.

I thank a lot;

Herbert McAlister.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Hurwitt:

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

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Miss Esther Hurwitt
Vice President
The Board of Women for Legislative Action
Day Chapter
4845 Coliseum Street
Los Angeles, California 90016

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4845 Coliseum St.
Los Angeles, Cal.
June 30, 1965

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

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Dear Mr. President:

The Board of Women for Legislative Action, Day Chapter, with 300 members actively working for the achievement and preservation of civil liberties, protests the appointment of former Mississippi Governor James Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals because of his long record as a segregationist. In 1955 Mr. Coleman stated that during his governorship "no Negro will ever enter the white schools of this state" and in 1959 he referred to himself as a "successful Segregationist".

Civil rights legislation may well be weakened and nullified by the presence of Mr. Coleman on this court. We, therefor, do not consider this choice to fit well with your obviously sincere efforts to secure the rights of that ten per cent of our population who have been so long denied those rights.

Respectfully yours,
Esther Newell
Legislative Vice Pres.

1945 Collins St.
Los Angeles, Cal.
June 30, 1965

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President J. F. Kennedy
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Board of Women for Legislative Action, Bay Chapter, with 500 members actively working for the achievement and preservation of civil liberties, protests the appointment of former Mississippi Governor James O. Eastland to the fifth circuit court of appeals because of his long record as a segregationist. In 1955 Mr. Eastland stated during his governorship that "no Negro will ever enter the white schools of this state" and in 1959 he referred to himself as a "successful segregationist."

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Respectfully yours,

Barbara Burnett

Legislative Vice Pres.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Atthowe:

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. John M. Atthowe, Jr.
1655 English Drive
San Jose, California

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President Lyndon B. Johnson, ~~President~~
United States of America
The White House
Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Few people in California's 10th Congressional District worked harder for your re-election than I did. My admiration for your activities which are drawing attention to the unfinished tasks in social welfare in this country and protecting and improving the quality of living for our countrymen through beautifying urban areas, conservation programs and other programs is immense. Especially, I want to congratulate your leadership in getting humanity to face up to the population problem and to act immediately. Most of my time is spent developing local support for population control programs which I know you would like to see.

However, I want to record my deep shock at learning of your appointment of Mr. Coleman as judge in the Fifth Circuit Court. One of the reasons that violence and civil disobedience have become more and more a part of the national civil rights movement's methods is due to the breakdown of legal redress. One of the weakest links in this society's judicial system is the federal circuit court. It would seem to me that a federal judge should represent the federal government, the will of the electorate of 50 states. In many cases, this has not been so and justice has been a travesty. Enough to make students at the University of California campus sneer at their elders. Certainly one has little reason to expect a different course of action from Governor Coleman. His previous activities should make us all suspicious.

Having lived in the South I know that there is no political future for a candidate who does not give lip service to racism. I also know that under this system no one wins, black or white, except a small oligarchy. You need not fear these votes anymore. You have the entire United States to represent. Surely you could find a decent, more moderate, courageous man to fill that judgeship. Surely you could reward the efforts of one of the few thinking gentlemen in the South. Surely your thinking is not all political and your many words in support of integration and the right to vote for all ~~many~~ were sincere.

Sincerely,

John M. Atthowe
(Mrs.) John M. Atthowe, Jr.
1655 English Drive
San Jose, California

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Pennsylvania Avenue
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Sincerely,

John M. Attchew
(Mrs.) John M. Attchew, Jr.
1655 English Drive
San Jose, California

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Giraud:

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. Raymond Giraud
1981 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, California

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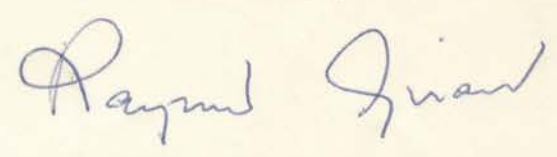
The President
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Your nomination of ex-Governor Coleman to serve on the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals deals a severe blow to the cause of civil rights. It would appear, Sir, that you are bent on alienating in every conceivable way those who supported you in the election of last November. Your conduct of foreign affairs has been inept and ill-advised, but one had hoped that at least you had a sincere commitment to civil rights. Now that is thrown into question too. This is profoundly saddening news.

I have the honor to remain

most respectfully yours,



Raymond Giraud
(registered Democratic voter)

1981 Middlefield Road
Palo Alto, California

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Washington, D.C.

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Raymond Bland
(Registered Democratic voter)

1001 Marshall Road
Palo Alto, California

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Buehler:

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. Arnold W. Buehler
1944 North Burling Street
Chicago, Illinois 60614

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THE WHITE HOUSE

1944 North Burling Street
Chicago, Illinois, 60614 ✓
July 6, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

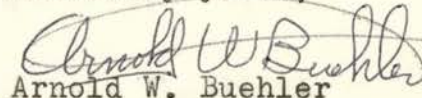
This letter concerns your nomination of Former Mississippi Governor James P. Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

In my opinion it is wrong to appoint a life-long segregationist to this very important court that will be called upon to make so many important decisions in the battle to bring the freedoms guaranteed to all Americans by the constitution to so many who have for so long been denied them.

I am well aware of the political facts of life and of the power that Senator Estland wields. However, it surely becomes intolerable when a man who has done so much to hinder and evade the constitution is rewarded with such a high post.

By copy of this letter to Senator Paul Douglas, I am respectfully requesting him to both work and vote against confirmation of Mr. Coleman.

Sincerely yours,


Arnold W. Buehler

CC: The Honorable Paul Douglas

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

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Sincerely yours,

Arthur W. Duesler
Arthur W. Duesler

CC: The Honorable Paul Douglas

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Smith:

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

Mr. Mike R. Smith
1715 Francisco
Berkeley, California

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President Johnson

Dear Mister President,

I, along with other Americans, I am sure, was pleased and convinced by your warm speeches about equality of races and the fact that this country can no longer take a passive attitude while the South deliberately and continuously pressed the Negro into a position of subservience and social depravity. Therefore I know that you will not be surprised by the fact that I am deeply disturbed by your decision to appoint a segregationist to the most racially sensitive and important court of appeals in the land. It can not reasonably be denied that such an appointment will have significant effect in holding back the Negro in his fight for equality. We all know the position Governor Coleman will take in the cases coming before his court. What was the purpose for the revocation of your earlier articulated position. If there were underlying political purposes were they really worth the price paid? It will take a convincing answer to permit me to consciably support you in your bid for reelection.

Cordially,
Mike R. Smith
1715 Francisco,
Berkeley, Calif.

July 22, 1965

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John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John B. Rutherford
Rutherford and Chekene
160 Main Street
Los Altos, California

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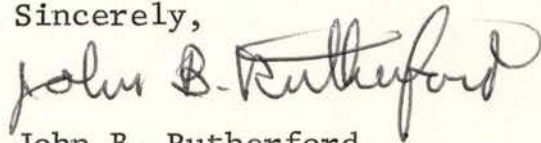
June 17, 1965

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

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Sincerely,



John B. Rutherford

cc: Norman Howard
Hal Gross

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. Norman V. Mitchell
27545 Michigan Avenue
Inkster, Michigan 48141

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Dr. Norman V. Mitchell
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July 6, 1965

President Johnson
White House
Washington D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

In order that our government moves forward it is necessary to appoint liberal, honest, forward thinking men in our courts.

I do not approve of your appointing Mississippi ex-Governor Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,



Norman V. Mitchell, D. D. S.

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Dr. Charles W. Mitchell
1300 Wisconsin Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20004
Telephone CR 3-2000

President Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Johnson:

I do not agree of your appointing Mississippi as Governor Belmont
to the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Sincerely,

Robert F. Kennedy, U. S. S.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Weinberg:

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

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Weinberg
5635 Minnetonka Boulevard
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

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The White House
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JAMES COLEMAN MUST NOT BE APPOINTED. THE CAUSE OF RACIAL JUSTICE
WOULD SEVERELY SUFFER

MR AND MRS MICHAEL WEINBERG 5635 MINNETONKA BLVD
ST LOUIS PARK MINN.

July 22, 1965

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John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Kenneth Goldman
10515 Ohio Avenue
Los Angeles 24, California

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Kenneth Goldman
10515 Ohio Ave.
Los Angeles 24,
California

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

Dear President Johnson,

I am writing to you regarding what I feel to be the intolerable nomination of former Governor Coleman for the position of United States District Court Judge.

Needless to say, a judge must be unbiased and unprejudiced--in any district, much less the important and controversial district to which Governor Coleman has been nominated. His record of leadership in Mississippi indicates anything but this type of impartial attitude; and the education, employment, and housing policies followed by his administration indicate that he has failed to follow the requirements and spirit of the Constitution and laws of the United States.

Contrary to what the Honorable Senator Eastland contends, I feel that a man's leadership of his state, in the highest office of that state, does indeed indicate his predilections and the basic ideals to which he is committed. These ideals are certainly not the ideals espoused by the majority of the people, the Constitution, or the laws of the United States.

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For these reasons, I oppose the nomination of Governor Coleman for this judicial position. I urge you to withdraw this nomination, as I believe the vast majority of your constituents desire you to do.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Goldman
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The White House
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Kenneth Goldman

July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Marilyn J. Blawie
41752 Marigold Drive
Fremont, California

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JUN 30 1965

DIVISION OF SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE
Department of Political Science

Home address: 41752 Marigold Drive
Fremont, California 94520
June 30, 1965

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

Dear President Johnson:

As a lawyer and teacher of Constitutional Law, I was shocked and saddened by your nomination of former Mississippi governor James E. Coleman to the bench of the 5th Circuit. A moderate Missippian would be one thing. However, Governor Coleman has been so extreme in his segregationist activities, that it is difficult to believe he has the commitment to the United States system of government (including judicial review) necessary for a judge to take in good faith the oath of office.

I deeply hope that you will take the opportunity provided by Governor Coleman's illness to withdraw the nomination permanently. As President, you cannot be all things to all persons, and this particular nomination is disturbing to those of us already concerned about the lack of faith in the judicial process generated by recent failures to convict those involved in civil rights lynchings and bombings in the deep South.

If this appointment is confirmed, this particular appointment will undoubtedly be used by historians in future as a demonstration of the shortcomings of the American system of government. As a President elected overwhelmingly, you do not have to make this sort of concession to those who did their very best to defeat you.

Appointments such as this must even be a shock in Mississippi to those sincere moderates who are trying to get white community leaders to take a moderate racial stand. Instead of appointing one of these individuals, instead you appoint a man who has been in the very forefront of the efforts to deprive the negro of the vote and to prevent school desegregation. Why do you not reward with appointments those who are with you, instead of those who are against you?

I hope that you were initially ill-advised in making this nomination, and that Governor Coleman is enough of a gentleman to be persuaded to withdraw from consideration on basis of ill health.

Just as a matter of curiosity: have you ever given any thought to appointing a well-qualified Negro judge in this circuit? You might try an interim appointment just to get the public (and the Senate Judiciary Committee) used to the idea.

Respectfully yours,
Marilyn J. Blawie
Marilyn J. Blawie, Associate Professor

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CALIFORNIA STATE COLLEGE HAYWARD

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20503

From address: 41752 Verdugo Drive
Pomona, California 92673
July 26, 1965

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

As a lawyer and Director of Constitutional Law, I was
pleased and honored to have a copy of your letter
dated June 2, 1965, in the name of the District
Attorney General, State of California, regarding
the proposed amendments to the California Constitution.
I will look forward to the opportunity to discuss
the proposed amendments with you in your office.

I would like to see you and the Department
of Justice, California, to discuss the proposed
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discuss the proposed amendments.

It is my pleasure to be of service to you and
the Department of Justice, California, in the
proposed amendments. I will be glad to discuss
the proposed amendments with you and the
Department of Justice, California, at any time.

I am, Sir, very truly yours,
John Edgar Hoover
Director

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July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John D. Lamb
1907 East Blaine
Seattle, Washington 98102

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Seattle, Wash. 98102
June 30, 1965

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Dear Sir:

I understand that you are considering the appointment of J. P. Coleman to the Circuit Court of Appeals. If you appoint a segregationist to hear cases involving discrimination, you will be taking away with your left hand all the fine things you have given with your right. You should know better than to appoint a fox to guard your chickens.

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July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Lillian E. Munn
1711 Idaho Avenue
Santa Monica, California

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Santa Monica, California ✓
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The President of the United States
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

I believe that your nomination of James Coleman for federal appeals court judge is truly unfortunate. It will nullify much of the good effect that your recent forthright stand on Civil Rights can accomplish. The appointment of this man to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals can only seem like an insult to our Negro citizens, who have been struggling so long and so hard to overcome the very obstacles that the philosophy of the James Colemans of this country have put in their way. This would be a shame to put such a man in a position of power over people we are trying to liberate by the very laws he would interpret. This----and the bogged down Voting Rights bill on which the Congress was supposed to "work night and day" to accomplish-----will surely inspire cynics both at home and abroad.

Sincerely,

Lillian Munn

(Mrs.) Lillian E. Munn

1711 Idaho Ave.
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July 1, 1965

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Sincerely,
Jilliam E. Moss
(Mrs.) Jillian E. Moss

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Lake:

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. James A. Lake
102 North Orchard
Madison, Wisconsin

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Your appointment of Judge James Coleman
to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals
is very distressing. I can not help but
feel that this is a political payoff made
by a President who is concerned only with the
vote-getting aspects of the civil rights movement.

Sincerely yours.

James A. Lake

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Sincerely yours

James D. Fore

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Sakier:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. A. H. Sakier
New York County Democratic Committeeman
1836 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

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Deplores Johnson Court Appointee

I cannot fully express my contempt for President Johnson's recent appointment of



former Mississippi Governor James Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. This court's jurisdiction covers Alabama, Mississippi, Florida, Georgia,

Mr. Coleman Louisiana, Texas and the Panama Canal Zone. It rules on more civil rights cases than any other federal court.

Twenty years ago, if a known Nazi or Nazi sympathizer had been appointed to serve as a judge at the Nuremberg trials, there would have been a storm of protest. No less shocking is the appointment of James Coleman.

As Governor of Mississippi this man was the architect and dedicated executor of that state's infamous racist policies. As an example, in 1955 he stated that as long as he was governor "no Negro will ever enter the white schools of this state."

Also in 1956, when a Negro school teacher attempted to register at the University of Mississippi, Governor Coleman had him committed to a state mental institution!

California Representatives Don Edwards, chairman of Americans for Democratic Action, stated his objection: "It is ironic that the American President should appoint to the court a man committed to frustrating the will of the people and the human rights guaranteed to every man regardless of race."

All U. S. Congressmen should be contacted and urged to reject this shameful appointment.

CHARLES H. BISDEE
North Hills

Scores Reserved Ball Game Seats

As a loyal supporter of the Pirates, I would like to say that with a record crowd for Sunday's double header, (July 11) the fans were justifiably angered to find two-thirds of the general admission seats roped off and marked "Reserved."

I saw one man with his wife and two teen-agers tear his tickets up and state angrily, "This is the last time I'll come here."

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UNIONTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

DONALD D. SHOEMAKER
Manager

1836 Euclid Avenue
Cleveland Ohio 44115

July 17, 1965

Dear Mr. President

I read the enclosed in a paper today and, if the facts are as stated by the writer of the letter, I agree with him that this is not only a very wrong appointment to an important judgeship, but an act on your part which is inexplicable.

The more I think of it, the greater becomes my sense of outrage.

Respectfully

A.H. Sakier

(Member N.Y. County Democratic Committee, a very unimportant post but still the mark of a good Democrat.)

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Beauvais:

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. John H. Beauvais
20 Healey Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138

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THE WHITE HOUSE

20 Healey St.
Cambridge, Mass. 02138
July 7, 1965

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

Re: The impending
appointment of
James P. Coleman as
federal judge to the
Fifth Circuit Court.

Dear Mr. President:

Surely you, in your infinite shrewdness, can find another way to pay this political debt - a way that will not set back the date when our country is finally freed from hate, a way that will not cost the lives of men.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Beauvais
John H. Beauvais

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

Re: The impending
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James F. Coleman as
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Tenth Circuit Court.

Dear Mr. President:

Surely you, in your infinite shrewdness, can find
another way to pay this political debt - a way that will
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from taxes, a way that will not cost the lives of men.

Sincerely yours,

John H. Lewis
John H. Lewis

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Segal:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Maurice Segal
5738 Wilkinson Avenue
North Hollywood, California

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Mrs. Maurice Segal

5738 WILKINSON AVENUE, NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA N2C

June 28, 1968

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

Dear Mr. President:

It is inconceivable to me that, after having made your stirring "We Shall Overcome" speech (thus proving, I thought, that you are a sincere proponent of equality for all US citizens), that you should nominate to a position so important in the civil rights' movement

a man like Gov. Coleman.

Please do not disappoint
your supporters again by
backtracking in your
domestic program too! Between
Santo Domingo, Vietnam &
now Mississippi, you leave
us with little to hope for!

Please withdraw your
nomination of this bigoted
man.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Mrs. M. Segal

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July 22, 1965

Dear Rabbi Bernards:

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

James P.
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

Rabbi Solomon S. Bernards
528-B 136th Street
Belle Harbor 94, New York

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528 B. 136 St
Belle Harbor 94, NY
June 30, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to protest your appointment of
former Governor Mississippi, Coleman, to a Federal
Judgeship, in a circuit where virtually all civil rights
cases will be heard. This is undermining the cause of
social justice in a cruel way as Mr. Coleman is a
committed segregationist -

I hope you will withdraw the nomination.

Cordially,
(Rabbi) Solomon P. Bernard

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Mr. President

I have a further question of
formalizing the agreement, I believe, to be signed
regarding the current situation in the region.

There will be a meeting of the
council further in the future as the situation
develops.

I hope you will withdraw the reservation
concerning the matter.

Very truly yours,
Lyndon B. Johnson

Enclosed
(100) Robert A. Johnson

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Ostrow:

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

Mr. Robert W. ^XOstrow
25 West 43rd Street
New York 36, New York

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

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I beseech you in the name of justice not to appoint the racist, James P. Coleman, to fill the seat in the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

Your speech on June 4th at Howard University opened new vistas of meaning of democracy for millions of Negro Americans. The appointment of James P. Coleman would shut them off again.

On the other hand, the appointment of Nat Wells of Dallas, Texas, would be a striking blow for freedom that would be consistent with the high principles which you expounded in your speech.

Respectfully yours,

Robert W. Ostrow

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Roberson:

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. Charles E. Roberson
3880 Louis Road
Palo Alto, California

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July 6, 1965
3880 Louis Road
Palo Alto, California

President Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

I have been most gratified with your strong positive stand on civil rights.

I am concerned, however, about your nomination for judge of the 5th U.S. Court of Appeals in Mississippi of James P. Coleman.

He is reportedly a strong ~~of~~ segregationist.

I realize, however, you are in a position to know more about him than I can know.

Sincerely yours,
Charles E. Roberson

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The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

I have been most gratified with your
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I am reassured, however, about your
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have more about him than I can have.

Sincerely,
Charles E. Johnson

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. TenHouten:

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. Warren D. ^XTenHouten
4904 Montrose Avenue
Okemos, Michigan

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Warren D. TenHouten
4904 Montrose Avenue
Okemos, Michigan

July 4, 1965

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

Dear. Mr. President:

This letter is to express concern over your nomination of former Mississippi governor James P. Coleman as a judge of the Fifth U.S. Circuit of Appeals.

The legal inferiority of the Negro American could only be perpetuated by the appointment of a hidebound segregationist to this important post.

Sincerely,

Warren D TenHouten

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Warren D. Tebbel
4500 Montross Avenue
Chicago, Michigan

July 8, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

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Sincerely,

Warren D. Tebbel

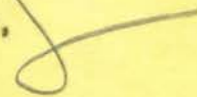
Warren D. Tebbel

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President in which you express your views concerning the President's stand on civil rights. Your commendation of Governor James P. Coleman's nomination is also appreciated.

Sincerely,



John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John A. ^{*}Smith
246 Pilgrim
Highland Park 3, Michigan

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Dear Mr. President:

I have been talking to many people about the racial situation, and they are pretty well disgusted with your attitude about giving everything to the negro.

I might add that the average white man approves of the appointment of former Mississippi governor Coleman to the federal court of appeals.

Sincerely yours,
John P. Smith

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Dear Mr. [Name]:

I have been thinking
 to many people about the need
 of [something] and they are just
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 about [something] about giving [something]
 to the [something]. I might also like to
 say that [something] what [something] [something]
 of the [something] of [something]
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 of [something] [something] [something] [something]

Yours truly,
 John F. Kennedy

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Belcher:

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 T. Belcher, Jr.
Suite 555
El Dorado Building
360 Twenty-Second Street
Oakland 12, California

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From The Desk Of:

WILLIAM T. BELCHER, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW

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SUITE 555 EL DORADO BUILDING
360 TWENTY-SECOND STREET
OAKLAND 12, CALIFORNIA
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MEMO:

TO:

President Lyndon Johnson -
Appointment of Gov. Coleman to
the Fifth Circuit would be a
complete repudiation of your Civil
Rights position. This man does
not believe in your program &
his appointment would - especially
in this Circuit - defeat it - W.T. Belcher

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WILLIAM T. BELCHER, JR.
ATTORNEY AT LAW

SUITE 228 EL DORADO BUILDING
TWENTY-SECOND STREET
OAKLAND 12, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE 4-1144

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MEMO

TO

*President Lyndon Johnson -
Appointment of Joe Calnan to
the 7th Circuit would be a
complete repudiation of your
rights protection. This man does
not believe in your program &
his appointment would be a
repudiation of your program.*

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Lewis:

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. Robert T. Lewis
1046 Stannage Avenue
Albany, California

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DON'T DON'T APPOINT J P COLEMAN TO THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT
OF APPEALS

MRS ROBERT T LEWIS 1046 STANNAGE AVE ALBANY CALIF.

FORM 508 PRINTED BY THE STANLEY ELECTRIC COMPANY, U. S. A.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. des Anges:

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. Dominique des Anges
200 Ten Eyck Walk
Brooklyn, New York 11206

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July 1, 1965



Dear President Johnson

I am very concerned with the civil rights problem. I feel it is important for me to know both sides of a situation so that I may speak intelligently about it and act wisely.

The question I would like to ask is why you appointed former Mississippi governor

J. P. Coleman to the crucial Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

He is known as a segregationist through his actions and speeches and is defending the right of the present Mississippi Congressmen.


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How can he help
better the terrible situation
in Mississippi when he
could undoubtedly hold
a bias opinion on the
many civil rights questions
that will come before
him.

Perhaps I am easily
fooled but I believe you
are sincerely fighting for
the rights of all men
in this country to be
bettered immediately.

I await an answer.

Sincerely yours

Dominique des Arges
200 Ten Eyck Walk
B'klyn, New York 11206

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Swift:

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 Pauline E. Swift
128 Chestnut Street
Cambridge 39, Massachusetts

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PAULINE E. SWIFT
128 CHESTNUT STREET
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS

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Dear Mr. President,

I strongly urge that you withdraw your nomination of James P. Coleman of Mississippi as judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. I respectfully suggest that the appointment of an individual with more objective views would better implement your position so well stated in your splendid speech at Howard University.

Sincerely yours,
(Miss) Pauline E. Swift

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Laing:

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. James D. Laing
203-12 Stanford Village
Stanford, California

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URGE YOU PREVENT APPOINTMENT OF SEGREGATIONIST COLEMAN AS JUDGE
OF 5TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS

MR AND MRS JAMES D LAING 203-12 STANFORD VILLAGE
STANFORD CALIF.

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Williams:

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 Susan ^tWilliams
290 Frederick Street
San Francisco, California

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290 Frederick Street
San Francisco, Calif.

June 23, 1965

Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear President Johnson,

A few days ago I wrote you a letter saying I thought your domestic policy was great and your foreign policy was terrible. I've changed my mind about your domestic policy.

How can you claim, as you do, to be a supporter of the Negro struggle for equal opportunity and equal rights and then, in the next breath, appoint J.P. Coleman to the Judgeship of the Fifth Circuit Court? Coleman is the ex-Governor of Mississippi, the signer of the law which brought into being the Mississippi State Sovereignty Commission, and a well-known racist. And you have appointed him to sit in a federal court which may have jurisdiction over Negro voting rights, over federal laws affecting interstate travel, over any number of things which have to do with the civil rights movement. Thank you, President Johnson, for complete hypocrisy.

I hope your speech in San Francisco on Friday does something to improve your crumbling image.

Sincerely,

Susan Williams

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July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Sterling:

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 Nancy M. Sterling
1014 Russell Avenue
Los Altos, California

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

EARNESTLY REQUEST YOU WITHDRAW NOMINATION JAMES COLEMAN FIFTH

CIRCUIT COURT TO INSURE JUSTICE ALL CITIZENS

NANCY M STERLING 1014 RUSSELL AVE LOS ALTOS CALIF.

FORM 809 PRINTED BY THE STANDARDS REGISTER COMPANY, U. S. A.

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Chupa:

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 Pat Chupa
Filer Avenue, West
Route Three
Twin Falls, Idaho

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THE WHITE HOUSE
JUL 9 1965
Rt. 3, Filer Ave. W.
Twin Falls, Idaho
July 9, 1965

Mr. President:

It is with great sorrow and dismay that I find that you approve of ex-governor J.P. Coleman for the office of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I cannot understand why you chose such a decided and outspoken racist, when you have contributed so much time and effort to the integration of the South. It is even more puzzling when I consider that you advocate desegregation through the courts and the Judicial branch of the government. How much progress can be made when one human being has to fight every judge from the local to the federal level? Who can he turn to after being denied his rights by a federal judge? Certainly there must be someone else who is more qualified morally for such a delicate and impartial job as this.

I sincerely hope that you will reexamine this affair and appoint someone who will execute this important civil rights position with fairness -- someone with an eye for progress and reform. I can't emphasize this enough. I am afraid that if this man is appointed, I will be sorely tempted to loose faith in the willingness of this administration to have freedom, now. We won't get it by appointing white supremacists to judicial positions. I hope that you will take time to weigh this plea from an American youth for freedom in America, 1965. Until that day I remain

Sincerely yours,
Miss Pat Chupa
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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. Lyndon E. Ginett
Post Office Box 330
Atascadero, California

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P.O. Box 330
Atascadero, Calif.

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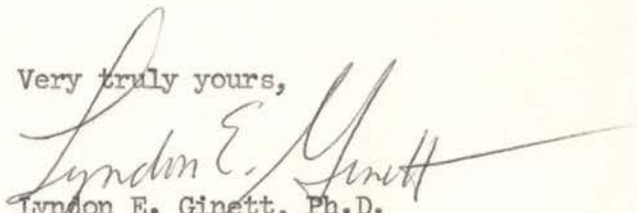
Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D.C.

Your Honor:

I am an active member of the Democratic Club in this locality and actively supported your campaign for the Presidency, and have been very pleased with your attitude in general toward the Civil Rights Program.

It is with consternation and disbelief that I recently read of your suggested appointment of Former Governor Coleman of Mississippi to the Federal Bench. The reputation of this gentleman is well know and his attitude toward segregation of races is smooth, but passionate. Such an appointment is a keen disappointment to those of us who had faith in the integrity of the President we helped elect. Communication media are too broad and too available to the people of the country in these days to countenance the appointment of old political cronies who are openly opposed to the Civil Rights Legislation and have had a record of doing all possible to sabotage any kind of Civil Rights Movement.

Discussion with my professional friends has revealed a consensual abhorrence, and there seems to be an utter lack of understanding of what conceivable motive you could have for this appointment. I feel as if I have been double crossed and my fervor for Democratic principles has been considerably dimmed by this action.

Very truly yours,

Lyndon E. Ginett, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

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White House
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Handwritten signature: Lyndon B. Johnson
Lyndon B. Johnson, P.M.D.
Clinical Psychologist

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Laurence:

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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. Robert P. Laurence
132 South 19th Street
San Jose, California 95116

(Marilyn G. Laurence)

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MR. P. LAURENCE
June 30, 1965

Robert P. Laurence
Marilyn G. Laurence
132 S. 19 St.
San Jose, Calif. 95116

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

Dear Mr. President:

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When we voted for you in November, we believed we were voting for a man who believed sincerely that all American citizens are entitled to equal rights before the law. When you stood up before the Congress and the Nation and declared, "We shall overcome," we believed you were voicing a deep moral commitment to that equality.

Now you propose that James P. Coleman sit as Judge in the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. This man, as you know, is a segregationist. All through his political life he has fought to preserve segregation and to deny American Negroes their rights as citizens and as human beings. The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals handles more civil rights cases than any other save the U.S. Supreme Court. How can this avowed, unashamed, dedicated segregationist be expected to give fair hearing to Negroes who demand their rights as citizens? He cannot. How can you, Mr. President, profess support of equal rights while you appoint former Governor Coleman to that court? You cannot.

One the one hand you decry the murder of Mrs. Viola Liuzzo. On the other hand you appoint to the Federal Court a man whose every political word and deed in regard to civil rights have supported the thinking which resulted in that crime.

We can only conclude that you are a hypocrite.

You apparently owe a political debt to J.P. Coleman. But your debt is far greater to the millions of Americans, black and white, who voted for you as a champion of civil rights.

In the name of equality of opportunity for all American citizens, retract the appointment. In the name of Mrs. Liuzzo, Medgar Evers, Bill Moore, Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman, James Chaney, and the Rev. James Reeb, retract the appointment.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Laurence
Robert P. Laurence

Marilyn G. Laurence
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Letters to the same effect: Sen. Thomas Kuchel, Sen. George Murphy, Rep. W. Donlon Edwards.

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Robert P. Lawrence
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Marilyn G. Lawrence
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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Bryan:

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

Mr. James A. Bryan
6041 Waterman
St. Louis, Missouri

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St. Louis, Missouri

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Dear Mr. President:

I have a hard time understanding the appointment of J. P. Coleman to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. As you are certainly aware, judicial injustice is one of the serious impediments to equality for the Negro in the South; the appointment of a segregationist will do nothing but further the injustice and the cruelty which follows from it.

Sincerely yours,
James A. Bryan

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Sincerely yours,
James A. Baker

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Dann:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Miriam Dann
633 Prentis
Detroit 1, Michigan

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633 Prentis
Detroit 1, Michigan
June 29, 1965

President Johnson
White House
Washington, D.D.

Mr. President:

Your appointment of a former Mississippi Governor to the circuit court judgeship is a monstrous indication of the baseness of your true feelings.

To redress the wrongs of other countries, you would send thousands upon thousands of troops to foreign shores. But when it comes to the 10,000 wrongs against the oppressed minorities of this country, all you have is fine words and treacherous acts of villany behind the backs of those who had faith in you.

I denounce you as one who continuously contributes to the oppression, degradation, and humiliation of your own people.

As a school teacher in a Northern high school which is, de facto, as segregated as any Southern school, I am well aware that when the courts of justice are stopped up, then the whole process of law becomes a mockery: a process of sophistry and hypocrisy.

In what is, most likely, a futile gesture to the wind, I urge that you reconsider.

In hope,



Miriam Dann

cc:

Senator P. Hart

Congressman John Conyers

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President Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

Your appointment of a former Mississippi Governor to the
circuit court judgeship is a monstrous indication of the baseness
of your true feelings.

To redress the wrongs of other countries, you would send
thousands upon thousands of troops to foreign shores. But when
it comes to the 10,000 wrongs against the oppressed minorities
of this country, all you have is fine words and treacherous
acts of villainy behind the backs of those who had faith in you.

I denounce you as one who continuously contributes to the
oppression, degradation, and humiliation of your own people.

As a school teacher in a Northern high school which is, de
facto, as segregated as any Southern school, I am well aware that
when the courts of justice are stopped up, then the whole process
of law becomes a mockery: a process of sophistry and hypocrisy.

In what is, most likely, a futile gesture to the wind, I
urge that you reconsider.

In hope,

Miriam Mann
Miriam Mann

cc:

- Senator P. Hart
- Congressman John Conyers
- Senator John McGonagack

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Landels:

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 Landels
290 Frederick Street
San Francisco, California

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290 Frederick Street
San Francisco, California.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Your speeches on civil rights and equal rights for all have in the past been most elequent and moving but at this momment they seem empty and meaningless. How you can believe for a momment that the appointment of J.P. Coleman supports, in any measure, your previous statements seems unbelievable to me.

In the position of a Federal Judge J.P. Coleman will be directly associated with Negro voting rights and civil rights activities in general. His actions in the past have not revealed Coleman to be in anyway sympathetic to the rights of Negroes or to sentiments expressed by you in the past.

I wish most frevently that you would reconsider you suggested appointment of J.P.Coleman.

Sincerely,

Mary Handels

520 Federal Street
San Francisco, California
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The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Sincerely,

Marjorie

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Several:

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

Mr. Michael W. Several
52 South 10th Street
San Jose, California

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June 28, 1965,
52 S. 10th St.,
San Jose, Calif.

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

Dear President Johnson:

In line with the legal maxim "Justice delayed is justice denied," I oppose your nomination of J.P. Coleman. Since your nomination of him, I trust that you have discovered that he is a segregationist.

His appointment to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals, a circuit court that will inevitably handle many civil rights cases, will help influence the delay of the full enforcement of the federal laws designed to preserve and defend our citizens' full civil and political rights.

Speaking of the right to vote, you said last March 15, "There is no reason which can excuse the denial of that right." But it can be expected that J.P. Coleman will oppose the Negroes' voting rights on the court, just as he opposed the Negroes' other civil rights when he was governor. Relief will be obtained only with the delay that comes by appealing to the Supreme Court. And if "justice delayed, is justice denied," then there is no reason which can excuse your nomination of J.P. Coleman.

Yours truly

Michael W. Several

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July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Arthur E. Hippler
107 Eugenia Avenue
San Francisco, California 94110

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To: LYNDON BAINES JOHNSON
PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES.

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MR. PRESIDENT:

TODAY IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE INITIATION OF A DREAM OF FREEDOM. THAT DREAM HAS NEVER BEEN EASY OF ACHIEVEMENT, AND HAS TAKEN TIME AND ENERGY, HOPE AND DESIRE AND THE BLOOD OF MANY GOOD MEN TO ACHIEVE. YET SOME OF IT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED.

WITHIN THE LAST FEW YEARS WE HAVE SEEN THE COMING TO FRUIT-ION, IF ONLY HESITANTLY, OF THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE RIGHTS OF ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS TO PARTAKE IN THAT DREAM, AND SERIOUS EFFORTS TO MAKE SUCH AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT MORE THAN A MERE SHIBBOLETH AND CLICHE.

IN THE FOREFRONT OF SUCH STRUGGLES ARE THE COURTS, WHICH HAVE AT LONG LAST BEGUN TO DEAL WITH THE SUBSTANTIVE FACTS OF DISCRIMINATION AND SEGREGATION AND OPPRESSION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS OF NEGRO ANCESTRY.

THE STIRRING APPEALS THAT YOU YOURSELF HAVE MADE TO THE CITIZENS OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE FIRM DETERMINATION YOU HAVE SPOKEN OF HAVING TO SEE JUSTICE DONE AND TO REMOVE ALL TRACES OF DISCRIMINATION FROM THIS COUNTRY AT LEAST IN LAW, I HAD THOUGHT NOT TO BE MERE STATEMENTS IN FAVOR OF VIRTUE SAID FOR THE HISTORY BOOKS. I STILL DO NOT FEEL THAT THEY WERE MADE IN THAT MANNER.

BUT I AM SHOCKED AND STUNNED AS I READ UNCOMPREHENDINGLY THAT YOU HAVE DECIDED TO APPOINT JAMES COLEMAN TO THE 5TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS.

TO JUDGE A MAN HARSHLY BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, OR EVEN BECAUSE AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER HE HAD ESPOUSED SENTIMENTS WHICH MANY OTHERWISE UP-STANDING SOUTHERN CITIZENS HAD ESPOUSED, PERHAPS EVEN YOUR SELF IN YOUR YOUNGER DAYS, WOULD BE TO DO A DIS-SERVICE TO JUSTICE AND ENGAGE IN A BIGOTRY NEARLY AS REPREHENSIBLE IN ITS FORMAL SENSE AS THAT SHOWN BY THE CLAN.

BUT MR. COLEMAN IS NOT MERELY AN EX GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, HE IS A MAN WHO IS AN AVOWED RACIST, OPPOSED TO THE VERY LAWS OF THE LAND WHICH HE AS A JUDGE WOULD BE BEING ASKED TO RULE ON, IN A PART OF THE COUNTRY WHERE THERE IS RARELY ASSURANCE THAT THE COURTS THEMSELVES ARE AS FREE FROM PREJUDICE AS WE WOULD HOPE.

THIS IS THE MAN WHO HAS BOASTED OF THE FACT THAT HE IS A CLEVERER SEGREGATIONIST THAN HIS COMPATRIOTS AND THUS A MORE SUCCESSFUL ONE.

AS MUCH AS I DISAGREE WITH HIS VIEWS I AM AWARE THAT MR. COLEMAN HAS A PERFECT RIGHT TO THEM. NONETHELESS I WOULD NOT DREAM OF APPOINTING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAD MADE KNOWN HIS DESIRE TO HAVE THE UNITED STATES MILITARILY DEFEATED BY THE SOVIET UNION TO A POSITION ON THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF, EVEN THOUGH I WOULD BE AGAINST PERSECUTION AND EVEN PROSECUTION OF AN INDIVIDUAL WHO BELIEVED SUCH THINGS.

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To: Lyndon Baines Johnson
President of the
United States.

Mr. President:

Today is the anniversary of the independence of the United States and the initiation of a dream of freedom. That dream has never been easy of achievement, and has taken time and energy, hope and desire and the blood of many good men to achieve. Yet some of it has been achieved.

Within the last few years we have seen the coming to fruition of only hesitantly, of the acknowledgment of the rights of all American citizens to partake in that dream, and serious reports to make such an acknowledgment more than a mere slogan and cliché.

In the forefront of such struggles are the courts, which have at long last begun to deal with the substantive aspects of discrimination and segregation and oppression of American citizens of Negro ancestry.

The striking appeals that you yourself have made to the citizens of our country and the firm determination you have spoken of having to see justice done and to remove all traces of discrimination from this country at least in law, I had thought not to be mere statements in favor of virtue said for the history books. I still do not feel that they were made in that manner.

But I am shocked and stunned as I read uncomprehendingly that you have decided to appoint James Coleman to the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The judge a man hardly because he had been the governor of the state of Mississippi, or even because at one time or another he had espoused sentiments which many otherwise up-standing southern citizens had espoused, perhaps even your self in your younger days, would be to do a dis-service to justice and engage in a bigotry nearly as reprehensible in its formal sense as that shown by the Klan.

But Mr. Coleman is not merely an ex-governor of the state of Mississippi, he is a man who is an avowed racist, opposed to the very laws of the land which he as a judge would be being asked to rule on, in a part of the country where there is rarely assurance that the courts themselves are as free from prejudice as we would hope.

This is the man who has boasted of the fact that he is a cleverer segregationist than his competitors and thus a more successful one.

As much as I disagree with his views I am aware that Mr. Coleman has a perfect right to them. Nonetheless I would not dream of appointing an individual who had made known his desire to have the United States militarily defeated by the Soviet Union to a position on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, even though I would be against prosecution and even prosecution of an individual who believed such things.

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THE APPOINTMENT OF MR. COLEMAN TO THE APPEALS COURT IN A SOUTHERN U.S. DISTRICT IS FOR ANALAGOUS REASONS IMPERMISS-
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YOUR JOB IS A DIFFICUALT ONE AND THE TIMES YOU ARE CAL-
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TO APPOINT COLEMAN TO THE POSITION IT HAS BEEN ANNOUN-
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FRIVOLOUS AND UNNECESSARY FASHION.

YOURS TRULY
Arthur E. Hippler
ARTHUR E. HIPPLER.

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Joseph:

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 Lois I. Joseph⁺
2373 Moorpark
San Jose, California

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July 1, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I wish to state my strong opposition to your appointment of the ex-Governor of Mississippi, James Coleman, to a Federal Judgeship.

I feel that his statements indicate a strong racist and segregationist stand. In deed, I do not see how he could have become the governor of Mississippi, if he were not the "best man" in these areas.

Such an appointment would be a serious shock to all people, black or white, who are wishing and working for civil rights in the United States.

I pray for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Lois Joseph

(Miss) Lois I. Joseph

cc: Senator Thomas Kuchel
Senator George Murphy
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

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2375 Woodley
San Jose, California
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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Truman A. Morrison^{*}
Edgewood United Church
469 North Hagadorn Road
East Lansing, Michigan

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Truman A. Morrison
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Ministers

July 6th, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Along with a great many of my friends and parishioners here, I find it very difficult to understand your appointment of former governor Coleman of Mississippi to a critical position in the fifth circuit court of appeals! It is common knowledge, of course, among a great many American citizens today that this is the court that hears critical civil rights cases and it strikes us as sheer incongruity that you have appointed an avowed segregationist with Mr. Coleman's record for a position of such importance for the progress in the civil rights cause with which you have identified yourself.

I am writing to offer vigorous protest to this action and to say that it makes me question the kind of service to the civil rights cause that we can expect from you in the critical days of implementing the new legislation during the days ahead. I hope it is not too late for a remedy to be found to this unfortunate action you have taken.

Sincerely,



Truman A. Morrison,
Minister.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

455 North Saginaw Road
East Lansing, Michigan

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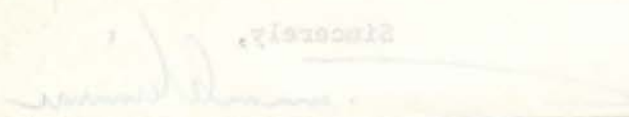
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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Emil Mazey
International Secretary-Treasurer
UAW
Solidarity House
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48214

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Solidarity House

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DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48214
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INTERNATIONAL UNION, UNITED AUTOMOBILE, AEROSPACE & AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENT WORKERS OF AMERICA-UAW

WALTER P. REUTHER.....PRESIDENT
LEONARD WOODCOCK..VICE-PRESIDENT

EMIL MAZEYSECRETARY-TREASURER
PAT GREATHOUSE.....VICE-PRESIDENT

July 2, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

Your great commitment to the cause of equality for all Americans is known to all. Your valiant and sincere efforts to have the Congress pass the necessary civil rights legislation have been the pride of America.

That is perhaps why your recent appointment of former Mississippi Governor James P. Coleman to the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals came as such a shock. It is an appointment which I found hard to believe and most difficult to understand.

Coleman's past record indicates that he is a hard-rock segregationist. This is something his friends and his enemies agree upon. Coleman himself put the lie to those who sought to lable him as a "moderate" when he said, on June 30, 1959:

"I stand on a record of performance and I have delivered the goods. I am not entitled to be called a moderate."

The racist "goods" he boasted of delivering should disqualify him for ANY federal position; but to place him on this particular federal appellate bench is akin to putting the fox in charge of the chicken coop.

The Fifth Circuit Court handles about 75 per cent of the South's important civil rights cases. It will be passing upon appeals brought under the 1964 and 1965 Civil Rights Acts. Governor Coleman, if confirmed, will be hearing, under the new voting rights bill, appeals from Federal examiners seeking to undo the evil effects of discriminatory voting laws which he himself largely designed.

To allow such a situation to develop would constitute nothing more than a judicial farce.

I therefore respectfully ask that you reconsider the Coleman nomination and I urge you to withdraw it.

Sincerely yours,

Emil Mazey
International Secretary-Treasurer

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The White House
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Sincerely yours,

Bill Moyers

International Secretary-Treasurer

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Brill:

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. Morris Brill
2395 Tiebout Avenue
Bronx, New York 10458

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Morris Brill
2395 Tiebout Ave.
Bronx 10458
New York



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

Dear Sir:

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10/1</sup> The choice of James P. Coleman ex Gov.
of Miss. to the U.S. Court of Appeals,
Fifth Circuit would be most unfortun-
ate for civil rights especially without the
appointment of Nat Wells to replace Ben
Cameron. If protocol must be followed
the choice must be offset by the selection
of Nat Wells.

Sincerely,
Morris Brill

July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Dallas:

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 Meredith Dallas

Yellow Springs, Ohio

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT THE HEART OF THE NATION SANG ON HEARING YOUR
CIVIL RIGHTS MESSAGE STOP YOU ASSOCIATED YOURSELF WITH THE GREAT
HUMANITARIANS OF ALL TIMES STOP NOW WITH THIS COLEMAN APPOINTMENT
WE STAND IN HORROR, CONFUSION AND DISMAY STOP IT IS
INCONCEIVABLE THAT A MAN OF YOUR AUTHORITY IS
SHIELDED FROM THE MISSISSIPPI SCENE, FROM COLEMAN'S RECORD

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OR THE PRESENT BRUTALIZATION THAT LINKS AMERICA WITH BUCHENWALD
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MEREDITH DALLAS.

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Roblee:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Frederick A. Roblee
Illinois Council of Churches
Springfield, Illinois

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The White House
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE APPOINTMENT OF J B COLEMAN OF JUDGESHIP

IN MISSISSIPPI

FREDERICK A ROBLEE ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Mackenzie:

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John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Angus Mackenzie
36 Minute Man Hill
Westport, Connecticut

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36 Minute Man Hill
Westport, Conn.
June 29, 1965

Dear Mr. President,

Most people in the U.S.A. would agree that you will go down in history as getting through Congress the most sweeping social reforms since F.D.R.. Medicare, Poverty Program, and the Civil Rights acts are all acts thanks to your skillful manipulation of the Congress. They have brought the ideals of a democratic and human society closer to realism. In one address to a joint session of the Congress, you stated "...we shall overcome...".

Then, as prisoners in Jackson, Miss. were being beaten, on June 17 you announced the appointment of J.P. Colman judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the court that renders final decisions on civil rights litigations in Mississippi.

This is the man that has said:

* *J.P. Colman Thursday night said there will be no racial integration of public schools in Miss. during the next four years (that would be until 1967) if he gets a second term in the governor's office

*- The Jackson Clarion-Ledger, March 17, 1963

*(in a campaign speech) "Where was my ... opponent in 1951 when I stood alone before a hostile Supreme Court and showed those Communist lawyers they could not fool with the great state of Mississippi?"

*- _____ Aug, 13, 1955

*"What can the States Righters find wrong with the 100% segregation now in effect?"

*- _____ Oct. 25, 1956

You, Mr. President, are not a racist. How and why can and do you appoint a man like this. Maybe for political reasons; you are a politician- I am an American, and I want to be a free one, totally free with ALL my fellow Americans, each being able to attain due process of law, his vote and all freedoms granted by the constitution. The appointment of Colman, for whatever reason, will infringe upon the rights of Americans, black and white in the Fifth Circuit.

Sincerely,
Angus Mackenzie

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"...J.P. Bowman Thursday night said there will be no racial integration

of public schools in Miss. during the next four years (that would be

until 1967) if he gets a second term in the governor's office

... the Jackson Courier-Ledger, March 17, 1965

"...in a campaign speech..." there was my ... opponent in 1961 when I

stood alone before a hostile Supreme Court and showed those Communist

lawyers they could not fool ... with the great state of Mississippi."

... June 17, 1965

"...what can the States do to help with the 1965 segregation

now in effect?"

... Oct. 25, 1965

You, Mr. President, are not a realist. How can you and do you appoint a man

like this. Maybe for political reasons; you are a politician - I am an American,

and I want to be a free one, totally free with all my fellow Americans, each

being able to attain the process of law, his vote and all freedoms granted by

the Constitution. The appointment of Bowman, for whatever reason, will further

upon the rights of American, black and white in the Fifth Circuit.

Handwritten signature: J. Edgar Hoover

July 22, 1965

Dear Mrs. Van Gelder:

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. G. Van Gelder
733 Jean Street
Oakland, California 94610

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Oakland - Calif.
June 18/1965

President Lyndon Johnson,
Washington - D.C.

Honorable Sir,

I hereby protest the appointment
of - G - Gorman Coleman, of
Mississippi, to serve as
Federal District Judge -

Very truly yours.

Mrs. G. Van Gelder

733 Jean St

July 22, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Jerome Shaffer
Benjamin West House
Swarthmore, Pennsylvania

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Benjamin West House
Swarthmore, Pa.
June 29, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing about your appointment of former Governor James Coleman of Mississippi to be a judge of the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals .

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I sincerely hope you are not making a similar mistake.

As a loyal supporter and Democrat, I would like to hear from you why you think Governor Coleman would make a fairminded and just judge.

Sincerely yours,
Jerome S. Haffer
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Sincerely yours,

James M. Haller
Jerome S. Haller

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July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Walen:

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 Roberta Walen
530 East Orange Grove Boulevard
Pasadena, California 91104

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June 28, 1965

To the President of the U.S.A.: - Is it possible
that you have appointed ex-gover-
nor Coleman to the Fifth Circuit
Court of Appeals?

After all your declarations
for equal rights to all Ameri-
cans?

Please let us hear from
you as to whether this report
is true.

We worked so hard to
avoid a dangerous opponent
of yours. Have your declara-
tions been reversed on
civil rights? What has happened
anyway.

Agonizingly,
Roberta Walen.

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July 22, 1965

Dear Miss Arnell:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Susan Arnell
Apartment 103
2633 Greenwich
San Francisco, California

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June 25

Dear President Johnson,

As a young Democratic
voter in our great country,
I would like to go on
record with a request
that you do not appoint
ex-governor Coleman to
the 5th district Court of
Appeals.

Let's keep the struggle
for human dignity going
forward.

Respectfully,
Susan Arnell

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Grob:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John W. Grob
Central Methodist Church
104 West Illinois Street
Oblong, Illinois

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July 1, 1965

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

Dear Sir:

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Sincerely yours,

John W. Grob

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July 7, 1965

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20503

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Sincerely yours,
John W. Cook
John W. Cook
General Methodist Church
104 West Illinois Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604