

August 9, 1965

Dear Mr. Light:

Your recent telegram requesting an opportunity on behalf of the Parents Mississippi Association to discuss the nomination of James Coleman to the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit has been referred to me for reply. The President's schedule, in view of the Vietnam situation, has been even more difficult than is usually the case. Thus, it has been necessary to forego meetings that under different circumstances the President would very much want to arrange. Accordingly, I regret that we are not able at this time to arrange a meeting with the President, although I am certain that the Attorney General or the Deputy Attorney General, who work closely with the President on judicial appointments, would make every effort to meet with you or any other representative groups that may wish to discuss this particular appointment.

I might say, however, that the appointment of former Governor Coleman and Judge Thornberry to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals was a decision that was very carefully weighed by the President and I am satisfied that there are few facts or factors that were not taken into account. Under the procedures by which federal judicial appointments are made and taking into account the composition of the remainder of the Court of Appeals, it is my personal judgment that the choice of former Governor Coleman is one that will ultimately be applauded by those who are interested in the protection of the civil rights and civil liberties of all citizens.

Sincerely,

Lee C. White

Special Counsel to the President

Mr. Harold B. Light

Chairman

Parents Mississippi Association

625 Chenery Street

San Francisco, California

cc: Ramsey Clark

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August 10, 1965

Dear Miss D'Amore:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Janet D'Amore
136 West 13th Street
New York, New York 10011

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

I request that in your subsequent appointments of individuals to positions of grave responsibility, a greater measure of consideration be exercised by you and that, as your appointees, individuals be selected who are more truly representative of the spirit of American democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Tanet D'Amore

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New York, N.Y. 10011

THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Dear Mr. President: I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James F. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

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Respectfully yours,

Lat P' Jones

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Ford:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Juanita C. ^XFord
Vice President
Michigan State Conferences
of the N.A.A.C.P. /mich
3362 Doremus Street
Detroit, Michigan

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

Hamtramck, Michigan Branch

3362 DOREMUS STREET
Detroit, Mich.

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July 14, 1965

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PRESIDENT: Lydon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the appointment of Governor Coleman. To appoint him to the 5th district would be one of the worst catastrophe for the Negroes in that district.

I admire your past performance; but let me call to your attention your statement of Tuesday, March 16, 1965.

THE JOHNSON GOALS

Washington, March 16-

(AP)-"President Johnson defined his goals last night in his address to a joint session of Congress.

Near the end of his appeal for voting rights for all Americans, he said:

"This is the richest and most powerful country which ever occupied this globe. The might of past empires is little compared to ours.

"But I do not want to be the president who built empires, or sought grandeur, or extended dominion.

"I want to be the president who educated young children to the wonders of their world.

"I want to be the president who helped to feed the hungry and to prepare them to be taxpayers instead of taxeaters.

"I want to be the president who helped the poor to find their own way and who protected the right of every citizen to vote in every election.

"I want to be the president who helped to end hatred among his fellow men and who promoted love among the people of all races and all regions and all parties.

"I want to be the president who helped to end war among the brothers of this earth.

TO FORGET THIS WOULD DESTROY AN IMAGE:

Yours for freedom,

Juanita C. Ford

Juanita C. Ford, Vice President of Michigan
State Conferences of N.A.A.C.P

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FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

WILLIAM W. WOODS
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V. P. PRESIDENT

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

Dear Sir:

I am opposed to the appointment of Governor Johnson to the 5th district seat on the Board for the District in that district.

I desire your best performance; but let me call to your attention your statement of Tuesday, March 16, 1965.

THE JOHNSON GOALS

Washington, March 16- (AP)-President Johnson defined his goals last night in his address to a joint session of Congress. Near the end of his appeal for voting rights for all Americans, he said: "This is the richest and most powerful country which ever occupied this globe. The greatest past progress in human history is ours. But I do not want to be the president who tells negroes or women, or extended children, or extended children to the borders of their world. I want to be the president who helped to feed the hungry and to prepare them to be lawyers instead of beggars. I want to be the president who helped the poor to find their own way and who protected the rights of every citizen to vote in every election. I want to be the president who helped to end hatred and who helped to end an era who provoked have ended the people of all races and all regions and all peoples. I want to be the president who helped to end war among the brothers of this earth.

TO FORGET THIS WOULD BE UNWISDOM

Yours for Freedom

James E. Wood, Vice President of NAACP
State Conference of N.A.A.P.C.

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Arnsden:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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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Mrs. Alice Arnsden
134 West 95th Street
New York, New York

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134 W. 95th Street
New York, New York
10025

July 30, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

I request that in your subsequent appointments of individuals to positions of grave responsibility, a greater measure of consideration be exercised by you and that, as your appointees, individuals be selected who are more truly representative of the spirit of American democracy.

Respectfully yours,

(Mrs.) Alice H. Ansden

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former Governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position. It is also a federal judiciary in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

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Respectfully yours,

(New) Alice K. Campbell

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Garber:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Jack Garber
3355 Bennett Drive
Los Angeles, California 90028

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3355 Bennett Drive
Los Angeles, Calif. 90028
July 20, 1965

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

My dear Sir:


May I add my voice to those thousand others who have written you that you have broken faith with the majority of the American people who elected you. These people voted for you because they didn't wish and didn't expect you to do what you are doing in Vietnam and the Dominican Republic, and what you have failed to do in the south.

In addition to this, you are planning to appoint a segregationist for a lifetime Federal judgeship in the south. With this kind of action, how could the negro ever become emancipated?

The American people ask for deeds and not words. Your promise to the American people of pursuing the ideals of President Kennedy have certainly not been kept.

Posterity will treat you more kindly if you do in Vietnam what France has done and that is to get out completely and at once. Our present course can lead only to the destruction of this world, which can very well mean you and me.

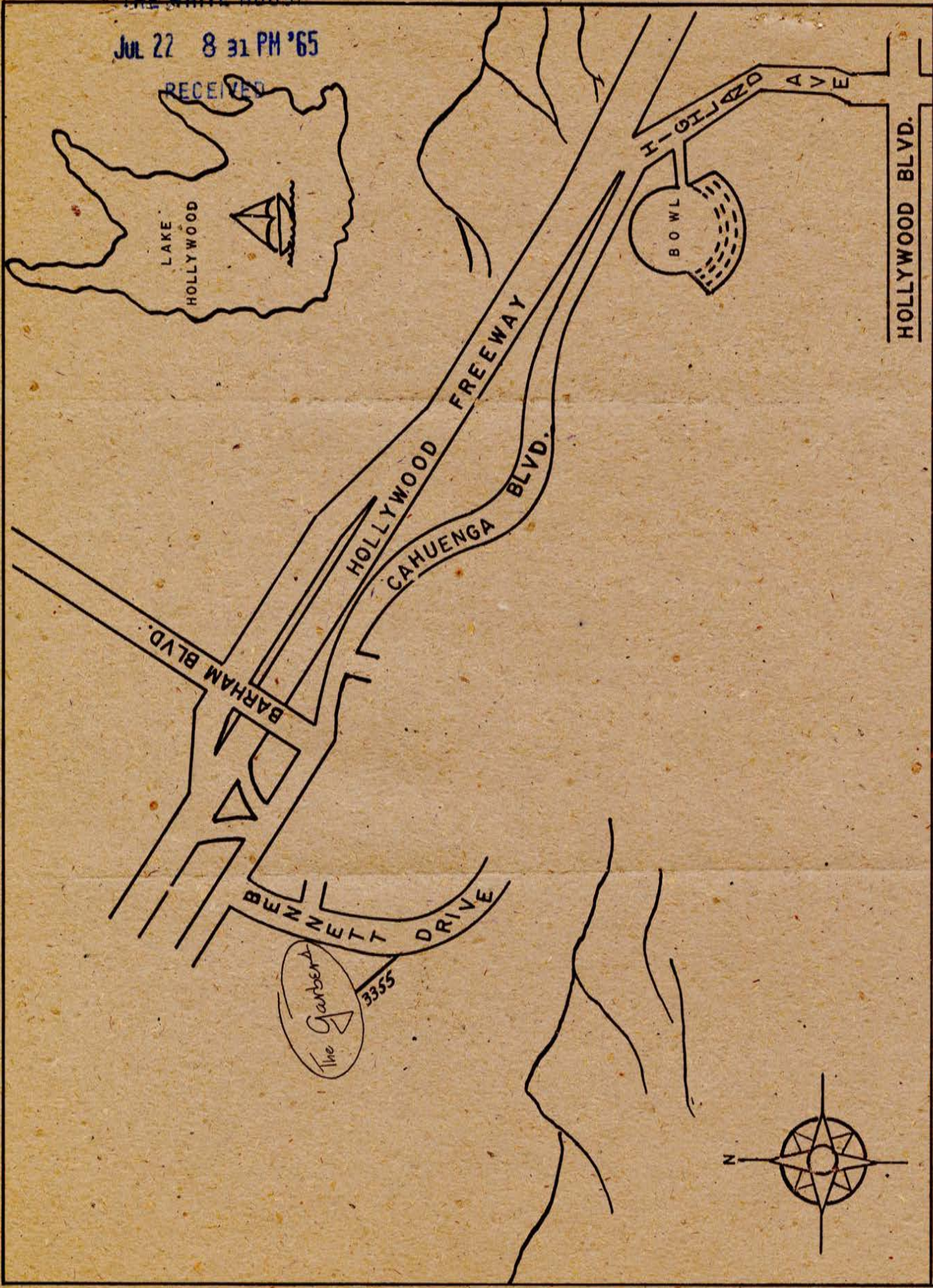
Very respectfully yours,


Jack Garber

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August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Hasenberg:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Arn Hasenberg
2965 Valentine Avenue
Bronx 58, New York

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

Thursday, July 29, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

I request that in your subsequent appointments of individuals to positions of grave responsibility, a greater measure of consideration be exercised by you and that, as your appointees, individuals be selected who are more truly representative of the spirit of American democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Ann Hasenbergl

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Thursday, July 22, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appoint-
ment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court
of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you
should appoint a former Governor of Mississippi, an
avowed segregationist, to any important position,
let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district
where the main struggle for democracy is being
fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the
Negro people who are courageously fighting for
their civil rights.

I request that in your subsequent appointments
of individuals to positions of grave responsibility,
a greater measure of consideration be accorded by
you and that, as your appointments, individuals be
selected who are more truly representative of the
spirit of American democracy.

Respectfully yours,

Ann Armstrong

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Bailey:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Carolyn Bailey
20 Cathedral Slip
New York, New York 10038

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Miss Carolyn Bailey
20 Catherine Strip
New York, N.Y. 10038

July 28, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing this letter in opposition
to the appointment of one, Mr. James P. Coleman,
appointed by you to the Fifth Circuit Court
of Appeals. Mr. Coleman, a former governor
of Mississippi who espouses segregation
will undoubtedly hinder the plight of black
people in this so-called democratic system
which prevails in the U.S. and under which
we live, or shall I say exist as subjects.

Your adherence to the democratic
way of life seems completely and subtly
obscure as shown through your sagacious
appointment of Mr. James P. Coleman to this
gravely responsible position.

I earnestly suggest that the
letter be taken into consideration in
all future appointments made by you.

Respectfully yours,
Carolyn Bailey

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New York, N.Y. 10007

July 28, 1965

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

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I am writing this letter in response
to the agreement of our former President
of the year to the 1964 Census
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paper on the subject of Mississippi
which are given in the U.S. and which
we have a great deal of support on subjects.

Your reference to the Mississippi
way of life seems neglected and subtle
reference to the Mississippi
agreement of Mr. Johnson to the
former Mississippi position.

I earnestly suggest that the
letter be taken into consideration in
all future agreement made by you.

Sincerely,
Charles Bailey

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Levine:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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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Mrs. Diane M. Levine
412 West End Avenue
New York, New York

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Mrs. Diana Levine
412 West End Ave.
N.Y., N.Y.

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

Dear Mr. President:

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Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Maria M. Linder

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James T. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former Governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position let alone a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

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Respectfully yours,

Mr. Martin Luther King

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schwieso:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Charles Schwieso
2134 Klayton Drive
Menlo Park, California

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2134 Clayton Dr
Newark City
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Dear Mr. President:

Mrs. Schwieso and I find it incred-
ible that you would nominate an arch
segregationist, Ex-Gov. Coleman to
the Federal bench - a man who would
negate in his lifetime, all the effect
of the legislation being passed.

Please withdraw the nomination
so your supporters will not lose all
faith in you - your policies in
San Domingo + Viet Nam have
have done much to do that - and
Now - Coleman! Terrible.

Very faithfully,
Charles + Clara Schwieso

Chas. Schwieso

Miss Schuyler
Washington D.C.

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Dear Mr. President
Mr. Schuyler and I have discussed
the fact that you would recommend an act
of legislation for the Federal Government
to regulate in the District, and the effect
of the legislation being passed.
I have with me the document
to your suggestion will not be
sent in your own name in
a letter. That I have done
has been written to that end
- Column 1. I am
Very faithfully
Charles Schuyler

Charles Schuyler

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Pollard:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Vincent Pollard
Maryknoll Seminary
Glen Ellyn, Illinois 60137

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July 14, 1965

Dear Mr. President,

As a person who has become deeply involved in the struggle for the Negro's civil rights, I can only stand with mouth agape in horror and utter disbelief at your recent nomination of an arch-segregationist, former Mississippi Governor Coleman to the bench of the Fifth Court of Appeals.

This appointment is inconsistent with your previous actions and statements as our national leader. The nomination of Governor Coleman indicates a divided loyalty on the question of civil rights for the Negro.

Sincerely yours,

Vincent Pollard

MARYKNOLL SEMINARY
GLEN ELLYN, ILLINOIS

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Dear Mr. President,

As a young woman who
has been deeply interested
in the struggle for the rights
of our people, I am very
pleased to have met with you
at your recent conference
of our our representatives
of our country. I have
been to the house of
the representatives of
our country and I am
pleased to have met
with you and to have
heard of the work of
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August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Morley:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Anthony J. Morley^x
5156 Westminster Place
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

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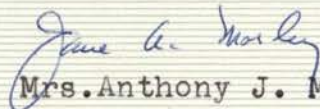
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MRS. ANTHONY J. MORLEY
5156 WESTMINSTER PLACE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63108

Dear President Johnson,

I would like to add my voice to the many who feel that the appointment of J.P. Coleman to the judgeship of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, if approved, will do great damage to the cause of civil rights for Negroes and to your own prestige. Please rescind this appointment and fill the vacancy with a man of non-segregationist background.

Very truly yours,


Mrs. Anthony J. Morley

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August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Lanier:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

X
Mr. David Lanier
406 East 13th Street
New York, New York

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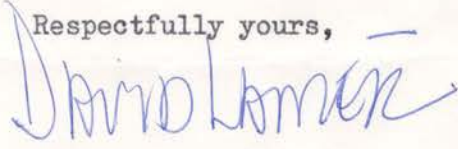
July 29, 1965
406 East 13th Street
New York, New York

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

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Respectfully yours,

David Lanier

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406 East 137th Street
New York, New York

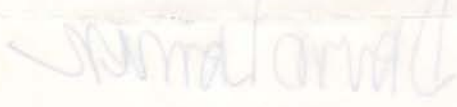
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Respectfully yours,



David Lerner

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss McArthur:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

X
Miss Garnet McArthur
233 West 16th Street
New York 11, New York

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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

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Respectfully yours,

J. McArthur

233 W. 16th St.

New York 11. N. Y.

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Cannon to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former Governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

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Respectfully yours,

J. P. Cannon
233 W. 11th St.
New York 11, N.Y.

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Scharliu:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

X
Mrs. J. Scharliu
15 Ricardo Lane
Mill Valley, California

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27 President Johnson,

8/11/68
I very strongly protest the
appointment of ex Governor Coleman of
Mississippi to the Federal Circuit Court.

He is a known segregationist — +
you know it — + with all of
your "words" in your message to
Congress on the Voting Rights Bill

we Americans are very surprised
at your dishonesty!

I voted for you in the last
election — but this action of yours
will not get my vote + many
others.

I urge you to withdraw the
appointment.

Mrs. Jae Scharlin Scharlin
15 Ricardo Lane
Mill Valley, Calif.

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Rich:

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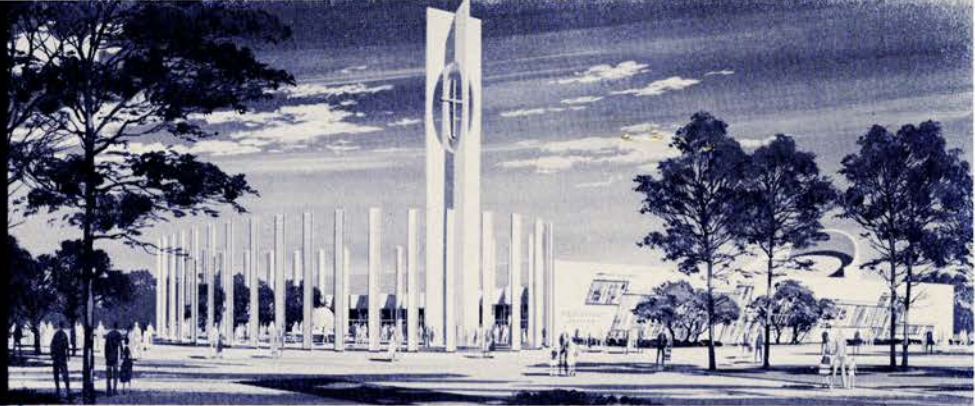
Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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The Reverend G. Barret Rich
Director
Protestant and Orthodox Center
475 Riverside Drive
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The Honorable Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson:

I have always been a great admirer of yours and never more so than when you made your brilliant and forceful speech on Civil Rights a few months ago. No President of the United States ever spoke so forcefully on that subject.

But how could you appoint a man like Mr. Coleman of Mississippi as a Federal Judge? Mr. Coleman is an avowed segregationist. He is quoted as saying, "My enemies call me a moderate in race relations. They lie. I am a segregationist. Look at the record. It speaks for itself." Indeed it does.

May we next expect Governor George Wallace to be appointed to the vacancy on the Supreme Court? Millions of Americans are deeply disappointed and disillusioned.

Yours sincerely,

G. Barrett Rich

G. Barrett Rich
Director

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August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Jeffrey:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Joyce Jeffrey
710 Third Avenue
New York, New York

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone to a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

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Respectfully yours,

*Miss Joyce Jeffers
710 Third Ave
New York, N.Y.*

August 10, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Rudolph Olson
836 North 24th Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53233

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Milwaukee, Wis.
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July 13, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President:

I protest your nomination of James P. Coleman to the federal bench! This man is an avowed racist, who will only continue the Southern policy of denying Negroes their civil and constitutional rights!

I can see that your pious speeches in favor of civil rights legislation & of voting rights, do not mean a thing.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Mr. President

I am writing you to
express my appreciation
for the work you have
done in the past year
in bringing Negroes
into the constitutional
rights of our country
I can see that your
speeches in favor of
civil rights legislation
and the work of your
administration has
been a great help to
the Negro people.

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I was an ardent supporter of the national ticket in 1964, but now my disillusionment is total, and abject.

You can restore my faith by withdrawing this incredible nomination — & appointing a man who believes in impartial justice and in human rights!

Please reconsider, Mr. President!

Sorrowfully yours,

Rudolph Olson

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. O'Brien:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. James R. O'Brien^X
534 East 85th Street
New York, New York 10028

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White House
Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully yours,

James R. O'Brien
534 East 85th St.
N.Y., N.Y.

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August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. McLoughlin:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

X
Mr. James P. McLoughlin
Secretary-Treasurer
Local 428

X Retail Store Employees Union / Calif.
347 Security Building
84 South First Street
San Jose, California 95113

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July 14, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

We wish to protest the appointment of former Mississippi Governor
J. P. Coleman to the 5th U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals of New
Orleans, in view of his true record on civil rights.

Respectfully yours,

RETAIL STORE EMPLOYEES UNION
LOCAL 428 AFL-CIO

James P. McLoughlin
James P. McLoughlin
Secretary-Treasurer

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July 14, 1965

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The White House
Washington, D. C.

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RETAIL STORE EMPLOYEES UNION
LOCAL 428 AFL-CIO

James P. McLaughlin
James P. McLaughlin
Secretary-Treasurer

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Montgomery:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Sarah V. ^XMontgomery
212 East Broadway
New York, New York

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

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Respectfully yours,

Sarah V. Montgomery
212 E. Broadway
N.Y.C.

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Wiener:

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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

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Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wiener
2 Santa Ana Avenue
San Francisco, California 94127

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MRS. STANLEY WIENER
2 SANTA ANA AVENUE
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94127

July 15, 1965

Dear President Johnson -

We would like to urge you to reconsider your appointment of James Coleman to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

As loyal Democrats, we were proud and thrilled by the words of your Civil Rights message. All the greater was our disappointment when these words were belied by such an appointment to the very position where Civil Rights legislation is brought to the test. While we believe that redemption is possible, we would prefer to see Mr. Coleman demonstrate his change of heart in a position of less import and permanence

than that of a U. S. Judge.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Wever

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Dear Mr. Zerbe:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Mr. L. R. Zerbe, Sr.
1885 North Beaver Street
York, Pennsylvania

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Pres. L. B. Johnson
Washington, D. C.
Pres. Johnson:

York, Penna.
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What sort of a two face Texan are you, one day you speak of equality for all Americans and the rightful heritage of all Americans of voting age, to vote regardless of race or color, then you turn around and ask for approval to appoint as district judge, such a damned half breed race hate monger as this man Coleman, with a black record as full of race hatred as possible to be. Is it possible that for votes you would forget millions of Americans, simply because their skin is dark. How much better off this Nation, yes the World would be, if we had a real honest sincere red-blooded American as President, instead of a blood sucking politician, who gives his

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word, one day, but then shows that his word
is not his bond.

L. P. Zerbe, Esq.,
1885 N. Beaver, St.,
York, Penna.

P.S.

The only time a southern hate mongering rebel
change their mind or attitude, is when they
are stone dead and six feet under.
Also, with one hand you cut a few excise
taxes, with the other you wave the green light, to
go about increasing prices, it's all right, but
it appears you're like your predecessors, the
big people must be served.

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Jacksen:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Constance Jacksen
102 West 80th
New York, New York

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

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Respectfully yours,

Constance Fehren

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Mrs. Suzanne Seidman
200 West 90th Street
New York, New York 10024

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200 West 90th Street
New York City, N.Y. 10024
June 26, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

Anyone familiar with the career of J.P. Coleman of Mississippi, his record, his speeches and his present activities as the lawyer for the Mississippi Senators whose Congressional seats are being challenged, must conclude that Mr. Coleman is a strong supporter of Mississippi apartheid, the continued disenfranchisement of Negro citizens and the denial of their constitutional rights. These considerations, without question, disqualify Mr. Coleman for a position in which he will be responsible for the dispensing of justice in an equitable manner.

How then, Mr. President, am I, as one who actively supported you in your Presidential campaign, to interpret your appointment of J. P. Coleman as Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals at a time when hundreds of my fellow Americans are being brutally beaten in the Jackson "Fairgrounds" stockades and at a time when the Congressional challenge of the five Mississippi Senators come to a climax? Indeed, news of this appointment, which carries with it a sense of contempt for all citizens who are concerned that justice and equality be lawfully and peacefully brought to the state of Mississippi, has shocked and disappointed me. Certainly it is not in keeping with the spirit in which you presented and called for support of the Voting Rights Bills.

Mr. President, as one citizen who is vitally concerned that all citizens receive equal rights, protection and justice under our laws and as one who takes an active interest in the improvement of our society, I respectfully protest the appointment of J.P. Coleman as Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals and request a reconsideration of this decision.

Respectfully yours,

Suzanne Seidman
(Mrs) Suzanne Seidman

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Schaffer:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Verna ^XSchaffer
484 South 9th Street
San Jose, California

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President Johnson:
I am disgusted,
sickened, in fact, at
your appointment of
ex-governor Coleman
of Mississippi to a
Federal judgeship.

He is the worst kind
of a segregationist!
How can you, with
good conscience, put
such a man in this
powerful position.

Please research his
past political activities
and give consideration
to his qualifications
for this appointment.

Thank you,
Verna Schaffer

Verna Schappell
484 S. 9th St.
San Jose, Calif.

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Snodgrass:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Rondal J. Snodgrass^x
3236 Southeast Alder Street
Portland 14, Oregon

(Elizabeth Snodgrass)
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President Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

President Johnson:

Not only have you grievously failed your countrymen, indeed all of humanity, in pursuing such a barbarous course in Viet Nam, but you have now failed in your moral responsibility to the Negro peoples of the Deep South by appointing Mr. Coleman to a judgeship on the Fifth Circuit.

No longer can we have any faith in you, for you have revealed yourself as a man who either lacks the courage of his convictions or as a man who is without principle or sentiment. It is a poor joke you have played upon us, sir, and you can be sure that never again will you have my support or my votes.

You must alter your course both in foreign relations and in civil rights if you ever hope to be regarded as a humane person or a great president.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Snodgrass
Mrs. Rondal J. Snodgrass
3236 S.E. Alder Street
Portland 14, Oregon

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Sincerely,
Elizabeth Swadlow
Mrs. Ronald J. Swadlow
3236 S.E. Alder Street
Portland 14, Oregon

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Caruso:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Thelma E. Caruso
69 West 9th Street
New York, New York 10011

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New York, NY 10011
July 26, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

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Respectfully yours,

Helma E. Casuso

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Weaver:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Weaver
Apartment 11
337 East 6th Street
New York, New York 10003

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

Dear Mr. President

I am vigorously opposed to your
appointment of James P. Coleman to the
Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals. I served
three years in the United States
Army and was willing to fight until
death ~~the~~ with the concept that America
was for Black and white Americans
alike. It took me a while to see
the James P. Coleman, avowed segre-
gationist and fighter of the spirit of
American democracy. It is a direct
slap in the face to Americans, Black
and white and all peoples of good-will
to appoint such a man to Federal
Judgeship in a district where the
struggle for democracy is being fought.
I wish to restate that I am vigor-

only opposed to this appointment and I
feel that all true Americans share
my feelings. I request that you
~~be refused and~~ ~~care~~ ~~made~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ Negro people
who are courageously fighting for
their country abroad and fighting
for their civil and human rights at
home before appointing an avowed
Segregationist to such a position.

MR. William Weaver

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Campbell:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin A. ^XCampbell
Box 327
Cascade, Colorado

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

I CONSIDER COLEMAN APPOINTMENT A SHOCKING TRAVESTY ON YOUR
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MR AND MRS EDWIN A CAMPBELL BOX 327 CASCADE COLO.

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August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Brown:

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

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Robert J. Brown
1235 3/4 North Detroit Street
Los Angeles, California 90046

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President Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C.

Los Angeles, Calif.

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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,

Robert J. Brown

1235 3/4 No. Detroit St.
Los Angeles, Calif. 90046

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Burke:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Tom Burke
74 Bank Street
New York, New York 10014

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

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Respectfully yours,

Tom Burke
74 Bank St.
N.Y. 10014

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

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Respectfully yours,

Tom Baker
74 Bank St.
N.Y. 10014

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Hunter:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

X
Mrs. Bertina Hunter
122 Waverly Place
New York, New York 10011

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White House
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Respectfully yours,

Mrs. Bertina Hunter
122 Waverly Place
New York, N.Y. 10011

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Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

I am vigorously opposed to your recent appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals. I was shocked and dismayed that you should appoint a former governor of Mississippi, an avowed segregationist, to any important position, let alone a Federal judgeship in the district where the main struggle for democracy is being fought. This is a direct slap in the face of the Negro people who are courageously fighting for their civil rights.

I request that in your subsequent appointments of individuals to positions of grave responsibility, a greater measure of consideration be exercised by you and that, as your appointees, individuals be selected who are more truly representative of the spirit of American democracy.

Respectfully yours,

*Mrs. Barbara Hunter
182 Waverly Place
New York, N.Y. 10011*

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Edelstein:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. S. Edelstein
9080 Wonderland Park Avenue
Los Angeles, California 90046

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

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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,

J. Edelstein

9080 Wondland Pk Ave -

Los Angeles, Calif. 90046

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August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Katz:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Neal Katz
55 Westmore Road
Mattapan, Massachusetts 02126

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Neal Katz
55 Westmore Rd.
Mattapan, Mass. 0212



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President Johnson
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President,

As a citizen of the United States I would like to praise your tremendous effort in furthering the cause of Civil Rights. More has been done in the past two years than the previous hundred to support the cause of equality. "We shall overcome" still rings in my ears. However there is still much to be done ; school imbalance and voting rights are two major problems but there are many others. The speech you made last April on voting rights was certainly a fine one but the appointment of J.P. Coleman to a judgeship on the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals would be a mockery . I ask you to consider the meaning of a judgeship and to reconsider that appointment. An impartial court needs impartial judges

Sincerely, Neal Katz

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Descamps:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

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

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405 Dunwoody Dr
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The President
The White House
Washington D.C

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Dear Mr President

If you have to
make Leo Coleman
a judge, why not a
northern district?

I urge that you
not appoint Coleman
a judge in the 5th Dist.

Respectfully
W Descamps

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Finnemore:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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 Rachel E. Finnemore^X
18860 East Citrus Edge Street
Azusa, California

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Azusa, California
July 28, 1965

Mr Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States
White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave
Washington, D. C.

Mr President,

I am a white Republican who voted for you because of your stand on domestic affairs. In view of this stand and your fervent "We shall overcome" speech, I cannot understand how you could appoint ex-Gov. Coleman to the post of Federal Judge in an area where justice is so badly needed and so poorly served.

There is one citizen who will be active in trying to offset any political support you may have gained by appeasing the Southern segregationist senators.

I feel let down. I feel saddened because I believed you were sincere and hoped you would carry out the pledges so beautifully put forth in your Civil Rights message before the Senate and we the people of America - both black and white.

Respectfully,
Rachel E. Finnemore

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Downs:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

X
Miss Mabel Downs
Willamette View Manor
Portland 22, Oregon

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President Lynden B. Johnson
The White House
Washington
D.C.

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July 8, 1965

Dear Mr. President:—

May I ask you to withdraw your nomination of Jas. P. Coleman as Judge of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals? His attitude on Civil Rights is not what Mississippi needs.

Yours respectfully,
(Miss) Mabel Downs

MABEL DOWNS
Willamette View Manor
Portland 22, Oregon

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Green:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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

X
Miss Juliet Green
1745 North Gramercy Place
Los Angeles, California 90028

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President Lyndon B. Johnson.
The White House.
Washington, D.C. 20510

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JULIET GREEN
1745 N. Gramercy Place
Los Angeles, Calif. 90028

July 9, 1965

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

Dear President Johnson:

Your appointment of James P. Coleman
I approved, would cancel out all the
effectiveness of the Civil Rights Act. I urge you
to withdraw the nomination.

Yours Truly,

Juliet Green

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Turman:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your comments concerning the appointment 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. Celia Turman
2323 Michel Torena
Los Angeles 39, California

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Hon. President Johnson
White House
Washington D. C. -

Dear Mr. President:

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I urge you
with draw James P. Coleman's name
for Judge of the 5th Circuit Court of
Appeals. The very mention of his name
is a blow to the Civil Rights Movement.
Mrs. Celia Terman
2323 Michel Tower Los Angeles 39 Calif.