

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Davis:

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. Perry Davis
157 East 81st
New York, New York 10028

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July 24, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am discouraged with your appointment of
Gov. Coleman to the 5th circuit bench. Let us
pray the solemnity & incredible importance of
his office ^{will} have a positive reaction in his
handling of the vitally important human
rights cases for which our country stands
before the judgment of the world & history
at this juncture of time.

I hope the exigencies of politics don't undercut
the great leadership & hope you have given to
finding solutions to the problems of human
dignity in our land.

Most sincerely,
Perry Davis

P.S. I laud and support your appointment of
Justice Goldberg to the U.S. PLEASE APPOINT A
LIBERAL TO FILL HIS SPOT ON THE COURT.

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Mr. Tolson
Washington, D.C.

I am disappointed with your appointment of
an attorney to the 2nd circuit court. Let us
keep the solemnity of incredible importance of
his office. Justice reaction in his
handling of the matter is important. Human
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before the judgment of the world & history
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finding solutions to the problems of human
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Very sincerely,
Lyndon B. Johnson

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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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Miss Margaret W. Coole
9 Pateluci Place
New York, New York 10011

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July 23, 1967

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,

Margaret W. Coole

August 10, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Gwendolyn Z. Johnson^X
Apartment 11-E
185 West End Avenue
New York 23, New York

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Gwendolyn Z. Johnson
185 West End Avenue, Apt. 11-e
New York 23, N. Y. ✓

July 26, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President,

It is my considered opinion that your appointment of James Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals is incongruous with the Great Proclamation of yours that sent my spirit soaring on March 15, 1965. Mr. President, I believed in you. How - how can you ask me to keep faith with you, when you delegate the job of ensuring civil rights to an avowed segregationist? How can you, Mr. President?

Respectfully,
Gwendolyn Z. Johnson

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Burnstein:

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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Mrs. Ida Burnstein
618 North Hayworth
Los Angeles, California

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Pres. L. B. Johnson
Washington,
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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,

Miss Ida Bernstein

618 N. Mayworth

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August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Adelstein:

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

Mrs. J. ^XAdelstein
9080 Wonderland Park Avenue
Los Angeles 46, California

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

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Los Angeles, Calif.

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Miss Adeline

9080 Wonderland Park Ave.

Los Angeles 46, Calif

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Miss Jan Share
23900 Malibu Road
Malibu, California

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

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Mr. President,
I am shocked into protesting
the appointment of a former
governor of Mississippi to
a judgeship which by Mr.
Colum's past actions can
never be carried out fairly without
prejudice by Mr. Sewall, Sam Siga
2300 N. 4th St.
Mpls, Minn.

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Klein:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. H. A. Klein
99 Malibu Colony
Malibu, California 90265

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Malibu Colony
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PRES LYNDON B JOHNSON
The White House
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Dear Mr President:
The nomination
of the Hon. Ex-Governor
Coleman of Miss.
is an affront, not
only to the civil rights
crusade in the U.S.A.
but to the majority
of the voters who
returned you to your
high office. We urge
you to reconsider
and withdraw the
effort to place Mr.
Coleman in this
sensitive & crucial
judicial position
Very truly,
H. A. Klein

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Powell:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Mrs. Alice Powell
24554 Malibu Road
Malibu, California

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President Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Johnson,
I feel the appointment of
Judge Coleman of Miss
to the Federal Bench is an
act of hypocrisy in view
of your speeches on Civil
Rights.

Ms. Alice Powell
24554 Malibu Rd
Malibu, Calif

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Hart:

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John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Jean E. Hart^X
Apartment 1
349 East Empire
San Jose, California

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Jean E. Hart
349 E. Empire St. #1
San Jose, Cal.
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Dear President Johnson: -

How in heavens
name can you men-
tion a judgeship for J. P.
Coleman of Mississippi?
If this dastardly thing
is accomplished I could
never find it in my
heart to support you or
the democrats in the
coming years. never!

Yours truly
Jean Hart

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August 10, 1965

Dear Dr. Ripple:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. Charles D. Ripple^X
390 Edlee Avenue
Palo Alto, California

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Dr. Charles D. Ripple
390 Edlee Avenue
Palo Alto, California ✓

July 12, 1965

President Johnson
The White House
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear President Johnson:

I greatly admire the stand which you took on civil rights soon after your election. However, I feel that your recent nomination of Joseph P. Coleman to a judgeship in the fifth United States Circuit Court of Appeals is in marked contrast to the forward-looking program on which you had embarked. I would strongly request the withdrawal of this individual's nomination so that progress in civil rights will be aided, not impeded.

Sincerely,
Charles D. Ripple
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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Miss Kathleen M. Croughan^X
7 Estates Drive
Novato, California

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July 14, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in regards to your actions as Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces and as President of the United States with the power to appoint federal judges and influence legislation.

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I am wondering if you might seriously take a stand for peace in Viet Nam, and if you might truly carry through our country's support of political self-determination in both South Viet Nam and the Dominican Republic. In both countries the use of force by our country is a discredit to our political and social ideals of human dignity. I would suggest that you look at the reasons for your actions taken in Viet Nam and in the Dominican Republic, and consider whether they are appropriate to your purposes. I question war in any situation; but I especially question your principle that offensive military action from an intervening country can stop an idea (Communism) or establish a self-determined government.

I would suggest that you stop our offensive measures being taken in Viet Nam now, that our forces remain only as protection for elections that might be arranged in South Viet Nam, that the government chosen in South Viet Nam be protected, by defensive measures only, from terrorist opposition and that it be prevented from murdering its opposition, and that, finally, our diplomats strive to unite all of Viet Nam under a single self-determined government, whether it be our kind of democracy or a Soviet kind. I would suggest that we allow elections in the Dominican Republic immediately, that whomever is elected be allowed to govern without our help or military intervention, and that our military troops be withdrawn immediately.

Your appointment of Mr. James Coleman to a federal judgeship able to review cases involving civil rights workers in the Southeastern states can only be an indication to me of your intention to discourage integration work in all states. In the tragic racial situation of our country, to do nothing is detrimental to our country's reputation and harmful to our country's citizens as a whole. Positive, enforced legislation is the only way constitutional and social rights will be obtained by minority groups in our country.

I cannot help but note the main connection between these two situations of which our country's president is the main factor: the discrepancy between your speeches and your actions. This discrepancy is a mockery of my intelligence, and I resent your emphasis on public opinion polls as indicators that what you are doing in both domestic and foreign policies is the best our country can produce in the course of history.

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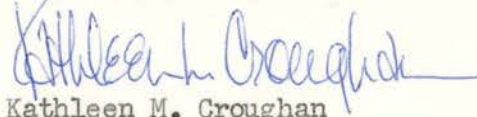
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Thank you for your interest. I only hope that you can understand my position as an American citizen who must be responsible for actions taken by my government which I neither endorse nor would ever agree to personally.

Sincerely yours,



Kathleen M. Croughan
7 Estates Drive
Novato, California

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss Teixeira:

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 Betty ^XTeixeira
Secretary, Santa Clara
County COPE (AFL-CIO)
45 Santa Teresa Street
San Jose, California

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Committee on Political Education
of Santa Clara County

45 Santa Teresa Street
San Jose, California ✓
July 14, 1965

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

Dear President Johnson:

At the last meeting of our Santa Clara County COPE (AFL-CIO), we voted unanimously to express to you our astonishment and outrage at your appointment of James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

The impact of your action comes as a slap in the face to the aspirations of the labor movement and to the long-denied Negro people of our land.

Former Governor Coleman could not have been a "moderate" and still have had the opportunity to fill every constitutional office in his home state of Mississippi. He was the legal source of most of the unconstitutional state legislation which has so effectively barred the Negroes of his state from the ballot box. He has publicly disclaimed the title, "moderate" taking, instead, the appellation "successful segregationist."

We must judge a man by his words and actions. As Governor of Mississippi, he did all in his power to block the school desegregation decision of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was instrumental in handing over \$163,000 to the infamous White Citizens' Council, a group whose avowed aim is to "preserve the integrity of the white race." The man is no more suited to sitting on the Federal bench than were the Roman lions suited to judging the early Christians who were thrown to them. If this appointment is confirmed, it will be like throwing the Negroes of the South to the lions; they will have no more reason to have confidence in the judiciary than could the early Christians have confidence in the lions. If Sheriff Rainey of Neshoba County, Miss. had been the man you named, we could not feel greater outrage.

We urge you to reconsider and rescind the appointment. We are loathe to think of what may result if the Negroes of the South find that they can have absolutely no confidence in our Court system. The only answers left to them would be to take their

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Department of Health, Education and Welfare

Washington, D.C.



Dear Mr. [Name]:

At the first meeting of the [Committee] on [Date], we were [pleased] to [hear] your [presentation] on [Topic].

The [Committee] is [interested] in [your] [work] and [will] [continue] to [follow] [your] [progress].

From [our] [point] of [view], [it] [appears] that [your] [work] is [very] [valuable] and [will] [contribute] [greatly] to [the] [understanding] of [the] [problem].

We [trust] that [you] will [continue] to [make] [valuable] [contributions] to [the] [field] and [will] [continue] to [be] [a] [valuable] [member] of [the] [Committee].

Thank you very much for [your] [presentation] and [for] [your] [interest] in [the] [Committee]. We [trust] that [you] will [continue] to [make] [valuable] [contributions] to [the] [field] and [will] [continue] to [be] [a] [valuable] [member] of [the] [Committee].

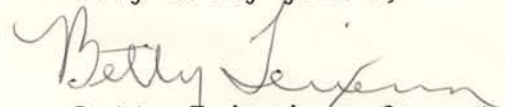
Sincerely,
[Signature]

President Lyndon B. Johnson

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very real problems into the streets to find solutions,
and those solutions may not be arrived at with continued
nonviolence on their parts.

Very truly yours,



Betty Teixeira, Secretary
SANTA CLARA COUNTY COPE (AFL-CIO)

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August 10, 1965

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. M. Klein^X
99 Malibu Colony
Malibu, California

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Mrs. M. Klein
29 Malibu Colony
Malibu, Calif.



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

Dear Mr. President - 7/13/65
I wish to protest your
appointment of Judge
Coleman of Mississippi
to the Federal Bench.
This is in direct
opposition to your
civil rights program
& seems a very unfortunate
thing to do - Sincerely
Mrs. M. Klein

August 10, 1965

Dear Mrs. Moreland:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. Eleanor ^XMoreland
3243 88th Street
Jackson Heights, New York 11369

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White House
Washington, D. C.

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Respectfully yours,

(Mrs) Eleanor Moreland

July 26, 1965

3243-88 Street
Jackson Heights
New York 11369

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Graff:

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

The Reverend Albert E. ^XGraff
317 West Second Street
Dixon, Illinois

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First Christian Church

123 HENNEPIN AVENUE
DIXON, ILLINOIS

ALBERT E. GRAFF, PASTOR
317 W. SECOND ST.
PHONE 282-7301

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283-2822

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

July 14, 1965

Dear Mr. President:

As a minister representing my own congregation, my brotherhood and the National Council of Churches, I recently participated in a civil rights march in Jackson, Mississippi. I was arrested and placed in jail. As my time in Jackson progressed, I learned to my horror of the systematic and deliberate attempts to physically and economically and legally intimidate the Negro into 'keeping his place.' I personally saw, heard and experienced some of this physical and mental harassment.

One of the realities which disturbed and disgusted me most was the process of justice in this state. I learned that U.S. District Judge Harold Cox has had his decisions on civil rights cases repeatedly reversed when they were finally forced into a higher court. In the meantime all kinds of delaying tactics are used to circumvent justice, to see that the rulings of the southern court be complementary to the white man's supremecist ideology.

Now I have just been informed that you recently appointed J.P. Coleman to another federal court judgeship. I regret I must say I am appalled. Surely, it is not unknown to you Mr. Coleman's quite public expressions of his segregationist stance. How can such a man as this serve the justice of the people as expressed in the Constitution of the United States? With all due respect for the time you have at your disposal, I ask you please to justify to me this appointment. What reasons could warrant it?

Sincerely yours,

Albert E. Graff
Albert E. Graff

First Christian Church

122 MONROE AVENUE
DIXON, ILLINOIS

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Sincerely yours,

Albert S. Craft
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Dear Mrs. Huttman:

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Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Mrs. Elizabeth Huttman

Shelter Island, New York

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Shelter Island, NY
July 15, 1965

President Lyndon Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President:

The appointment of James
Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court
is an extremely unfortunate one.

The Negro in the South can
only look to the Federal government
for justice.

With the appointment of
Coleman, such a channel for justice
would be cut off due to the
racist background of Coleman.

I hope his appointment can
be stopped.

Sincerely
Mrs Elizabeth Hattman

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Staff Assistant
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Mrs. Carol H. Nelson
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President Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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28899 Arwood Street
Canoga Park, California 91304

August 10, 1965

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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. William E. ^xParker
5514 Zara Avenue
El Cerrito, California

(Betty W. Parker)
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5514 Zara Ave.
El Cerrito, Calif.
July 13, 1965

The President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing in response to a letter, "Off the Bench," appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle of this date. The writers sign themselves as three attorneys of that city.

They protest your nomination of ex-Governor Coleman of Mississippi to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals of the U.S. on grounds that his "expressed views on civil rights issues disqualify him for that office."

A person who is concerned with insuring civil rights to all cannot ignore such a letter. I have no way of testing its truth, but I can ask you to consider the effects on civil rights and the cause of democracy throughout the world if you should lend the great prestige of your name to anyone who might fall far short of your own efforts in that important field.

I am also writing Sens. Kuchel and Murphy, urging them to weigh carefully the appointment of Mr. Coleman to this high and responsible post.

Yours very truly,

William E. Parker

William E. Parker

Betty W. Parker

Betty W. Parker

August 10, 1965

Dear Miss McDade:

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 Dorothy McDade
1328 Main Street
Evanston, Illinois

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1278 Main St. Evanston, Ill.

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Dear President Johnson -

If there is any possible way
for you to retract your appointment of

J. P. Coleman

to the U. S. Court of Appeals, I beg
you to consider such action. As
former governor of Mississippi, his
extreme prejudice against Negro
citizens is not only worth noting,
but should be carefully considered
by you and the Senate.

Josiah McDade

August 10, 1965

Dear Mr. Tierney:

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. F. B. Tierney
2839 Noadeville Road
Malibu, California

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President L. B. Johnson
The White House
1400 Pennsylvania Ave,
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

I would like to appeal to you to use your otherwise directed influence in preventing the appointment of ex-Governor Clemen as a Federal Judge.

To do otherwise would be to vitiate your announced intentions to secure for all citizens, the impartiality which is the ~~sole~~ benefit of law.

I wish you to consider that I reflect in mineafare a generalized feeling of dismay.
F. B. Tierney
1839 Maiden Lane
F. B. Tierney

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON D.C.



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August 12, 1965

Mr. John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.


Dear Mr. Clinton:

Thank you for your note of July 22 acknowledging my comments concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals.

I am sure that the nomination was made only after careful consideration by The President and I trust that his confidence that Governor Coleman will demonstrate suitability for this post will be justified.

Thank you for your kindness in writing.

Sincerely,


J. Frederick McKirachan
Executive Secretary
Commission on Religion and Race

JFMcK:rp

July 22, 1965

Dear Mr. McKirachan:

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. J. Frederick McKirachan
Executive Secretary
Commission on Religion and
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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE APPOINTMENT OF J P COLEMAN FORMER GOVERNOR OF MISSISSIPPI
TO THE FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IS A QUESTIONABLE WITNESS
TO THE GOOD WILL OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. TOWARD A NEW DAY
IN JUSTICE. GOVERNOR COLEMAN'S APPOINTMENT IS A SLAP IN THE FACE TO
RESPONSIBLE FORCES IN THE SOUTH AND RAISES GRAVE QUESTIONS CONCERNING
THE INTENTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION WITH REGARD TO CIVIL RIGHTS

J FREDERICK MCKIRACHAN EXEC SECTY COMMISSION ON RELIGION
AND RACE SYNOD OF PA. UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

August 17, 1965

Dear Mr. Young:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent telegram, and I regret the delay in acknowledging it.

Your kind words about the appointments of Governor ^{S.P.} Coleman and Chairman Roosevelt were very much appreciated. We are referring your recommendation of William Oliver to Chairman Roosevelt for his consideration, as the post of director is under his cognizance.

The President sends his very best wishes.

Sincerely,

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John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Charles L. Young
500 - 25th Street
Meridian, Mississippi

cc: Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT: IT WAS INDEED A PLEASURE BEING WITH YOU IN WASHINGTON ON APRIL 21. IT IS INSPIRATIONAL TO SEE SOME OF THE THINGS YOU MENTIONED AT THAT MEETING TAKING PLACE. ESPECIALLY THE APPOINTMENT FOR EX-GOVERNOR J P COLEMAN.

WE ARE ALSO PROUD OF THE SELECTION OF THE HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT JR AS CHAIRMAN OF THE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

COMMISSION. REALIZING THAT THIS COMMISSION WILL HAVE A TREMENDOUS
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TO BE AN UNDERSTANDING PERSON WE ARE ASKING THAT YOU PLEASE
CONSIDER WILLIAM (BEAL) OLIVER OF DETROIT MICH FOR THE POSITION.

IT IS A PLEASURE TO BE A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDENT'S CLUB
AND WE ARE DOING WHAT WE CAN TO CARRY OUT THE GREAT SOCIETY
IN OUR AREA

CHARLES L YOUNG MERIDIAN MISS.

August 18, 1965

Dear Mr. Weir:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President in which you expressed your views concerning the nomination of Governor James P. Coleman to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President nominated Governor Coleman for this position.

The President is also concerned about the situation in Jackson, and you may be sure that it will receive his close attention.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend Thomas P. Weir
111 Fairmount Avenue X
Oakland, California

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111 Fairmount Avenue, at 29th Street, between Broadway and Harrison

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From the Office of
THOMAS P. WEIR, Associate Minister

JUNE 26, 1965

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

PLEASE WITHDRAW THE NAME OF FORMER MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR, COLEMAN FOR FEDERAL JUDGE. THIS WOULD BE A TRAGEDY TO GIVE SUCH A POWERFUL JOB TO THIS SEGREGATIONIST AND WOULD BE A GREAT SET-BACK TO THE NEGRO PEOPLE.

I AM SO CONCERNED ABOUT THE DENIAL OF FREEDOM & THE POLICE BRUTALITY THAT I HAVE COME FROM CALIF. TO JACKSON, MISS. TO WORK IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT.

I ENCOURAGE YOU TO HAVE A FEDERAL INVESTIGATION & TO FOCUS THE ATTENTION OF THE WHOLE COUNTRY ON THE MASS ARRESTS, THE DENIAL OF THE RIGHT TO PROTEST, & THE BRUTAL BEATINGS BY POLICE NOW GOING ON HERE IN JACKSON.

Sincerely
Thomas P. Weir

Minister: THOMAS W. TOLER • Associate Minister: THOMAS P. WEIR



August 20, 1965

Dear Dr. Voigt:

Thank you for your recent correspondence in which you thank the President for his perseverance on behalf of the Medicare Bill, which, as you know, has now been signed.

Your views concerning the appointment of Governor James P. Coleman are also appreciated. Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made this selection, and he is confident that in the days ahead Governor Coleman will demonstrate his suitability for this post.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Dr. David Q. Voigt
112-A Mifflin Boulevard
Shillington
Reading, Pennsylvania

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112-A Mifflin Blvd
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Reading, Pa.



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

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Dear Mr. President:

I write to mention two things. One, my thanks for your perserverance on behalf of the Medicare Bill --especially in the teeth of Sen. Russell's attempted sabotage. Keep up the good work and strive for the final passage.

Secondly, I must protest bitterly the nomination of ex-Gov. Coleman of Miss to the Court of Appeals. This is much like naming Martin Bormann or some ex-Nazi to the post. Pray, give us no more "Cox" types--is any political debt worth the price of such a bigot? Pray, tell Sen. Eastland to pound sand.

David Q. Voigt

September 2, 1965

Dear Mrs. Siegel:

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

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

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. J. Siegel
300 Beacon Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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June 28, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President;

I consider that the Administration's position regarding Civil Rights is an open contradiction between its statements and its actions.

I speak specifically of two issues: The Congressional Challenge to the seating of the representatives of Mississippi, and of the appointment of James P. Coleman as Judge in the Fifth Circuit Court.

The lack of support for, and the obstructions placed in the way of the Challenge, is a cruel and cynical demonstration that "representative" government may not depend on laws, or Constitutional provisions, but on power, and the desires of those with power.

As for the appointment of Mr. Coleman, it can only bring great comfort to those who deny justice and freedom to their fellow citizens in the South, and despair to the victims of this oppression.

The Administration has long answered criticism of its inaction in Civil Rights issues with the plea that "it could do no more under the law". There is, in these two instances, a clear opportunity for the Administration to strengthen the cause of Civil Rights and Justice, a cause which it eloquently embraces, and it has chosen to do the opposite.

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At this point in our history, I must consider any action that does not positively advance the cause of justice a betrayal of the daily efforts of millions of Americans, Negro and white, who struggle to bring these United States closer to the reality of a true democracy.

This dismayed citizen asks why?

Yours truly,

(Mrs. J.)

Ruth Siegel

300 Beacon St

Boston, Mass.

September 3, 1965

Dear Mrs. Frake:

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

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

Your comments concerning the Viet-Nam situation are also appreciated. Thank you for your interest in writing.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mrs. C. O. Frake
1700 Purdue Avenue
Palo Alto, California

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President Johnson
The White House
Washington,
D.C.

4 July

Dear Mr. Johnson;

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1. The appointment of James Coleman as a court judge. It is not in keeping with your professed desires to ameliorate the racial ~~problem~~.
2. The continued U.S. involvement in Vietnam. It is immoral, genocidal, and won't win.

Mrs. C. O. Frake

September 3, 1965

Dear Father Nerin:

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

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

May I also assure you that we do have commitments to the good people of South Viet-Nam, and the President just does not see how we can "withdraw and walk away" from these commitments, and let those people fall under Communist rule. When the Communists are ready to let the good Vietnamese people sleep peacefully at night, and permit them to lead their lives in peace and freedom, the President will be the first man in the country to cheer and to strive for a peaceful settlement.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

The Reverend William F. Nerin
St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
Post Office Box 510
Edmond, Oklahoma

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White House
Washington, D. C.

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Second, I hope you are sincere in the Viet Nam support. Heaven forbid if this is a build up to only prove "we can't win" and thus withdraw. We did win in Korea and we can win in Viet Nam as long as we are there to help Asians become free.

Sincerely yours,

Wm F Nerin

Reverend Wm. F. Nerin

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cc: Sen. Mike Monroney
cc: Sen. Fred Harris

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Sincerely yours,

Wm. F. Buckley
Governor Wm. F. Buckley

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cc: Sen. Mike Mansfield
cc: Sen. Fred Harris

September 7, 1965

Dear Mr. Thorne:

Thank you for your recent letter to the President in which you give him the benefit of your views concerning the appointment of Governor James P. Coleman.

Your comments and newspaper clippings concerning the Vietnam situation are also appreciated. It is helpful to the President as he carries out the responsibilities of his office to have the thinking of our citizens on matters of interest and concern to the Nation, and he appreciates your taking the time to write.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. John E. Thorne
510 North Third Street
San Jose, California 95112

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June 21, 1965

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have written to you on several occasions with regard to Viet Nam.

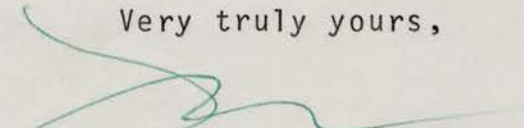
I am enclosing herewith a copy of a couple of pictures having been run in our local paper showing what the Viet Nam war is doing to human beings.

Mr. President, you simply have to stop this war. You can't go on killing and maiming people this way.

I have also written to you with regard to your appointment of the former governor of Mississippi to the United States Court, Mr. Coleman. I have had no reply to my letters on this from any of your staff, but I see by the paper you are going ahead with that appointment.

I have worked long and hard for the Democratic Party. I supported you in the last election. I have served as Chairman of our County Democratic Central Committee, and I presently serve as a member on that Committee, as well as a member of our State Democratic Central Committee. In addition, I am a member of the California Democratic Council, and some of our Democratic clubs. I deal and speak with persons who work for the Democratic Party in the State of California practically all the time, and I can assure you that these individuals and I will not be able to support you nor the Democratic Party if it continues with policies seen in Viet Nam and Santo Domingo, and if you continue appointments such as that of Mr. Coleman to the Federal bench.

Very truly yours,


John E. Thorne

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Very truly yours,

John E. Thorne

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The Horrors of War

A weeping mother is shown (above) holding her child killed in an air strike that preceded the recapture of Dong Xoai by South Vietnamese rangers. A banaged Vietnamese youngster (right) cries as she limps from post where her parents were killed. At least 150 civilians, 300 government troops and several Americans died in battle.

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September 8, 1965

Dear Mr. Lomax:

For the President, I want to acknowledge your letter concerning the appointments of Governor James P. Coleman and Thurgood Marshall.

Please be assured that it was only after careful consideration that the President made these selections, and he is confident that in the days ahead you will recognize the suitability of these gentlemen for their posts.

Your comments concerning the Vietnam situation are also appreciated. Your thoughts are always welcome.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Alm^yena Lomax
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July 13, 1965

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

Dear Sir:

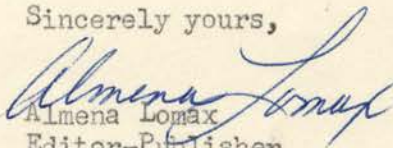
I have written in detail to Attorney General Nicholas Katzenbach, protesting various public positions of his, taken, I am sure, to carry out various policies of yours; so I shall not burden your office with a repetition of them.

However, I should like to add my protests to the great number I am sure you are receiving against the nomination of Governor Coleman, of Mississippi, to the federal appeals court. Making Thurgood Marshall solicitor general does not compensate for such a miscarriage.

I should also like to protest the war in Vietnam. Are you sure, Mr. President, that you are not Barry Goldwater in disguise?

You are disappointing your friends and comforting your enemies all over the country. You must be in a terrible turmoil. No wonder you are short tempered. I hate to say it because I had high hopes, but I don't think you will replace the Lincoln Memorial.

Sincerely yours,


Almena Lomax
Editor-Publisher
Tribune

September 15, 1965

Dear Mr. Marciano:

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

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

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

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Mr. John D. Marciano
272 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York

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272 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York
July 31, 1965

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

Mr. President:

Your recommendation of James P. Coleman for a federal judgeship, was a most convincing example of your complete disregard toward the current struggle for human rights in this country.

This appointment was a cruel blow to the millions of Negro Americans now emerging from the chains of a brutal slavery.

Your action represented nothing more than a compact with the worst elements in our society. It is an outrageous rape of justice which every concerned citizen must protest.

Yours truly,
John D. Marciano
John D. Marciano

September 15, 1965

Dear Mr. Gale:

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

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

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Peter L. ^XGale
4604 Chester Avenue
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

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9/18
July 30, 1965

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,

Peter L. Gale
4604 Chester Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

September 22, 1965

Dear Mr. Chrisman:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter giving him the benefit of your views concerning several subjects.

Your views concerning the appointment of Governor James P. Coleman are also appreciated.

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.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Harry E. ^XChrisman
10245 West 14th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80215

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10245 W. 14th Ave.,
Denver, Colo. 80215

July 19, 1965

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

My Dear Mr. President:

If I were President, I would like to hear from those who voted for me occasionally, especially people of my own political party. I would like them to be frank with me, to tell me as best they could, in their own words, how they thought I was doing as their party leader and leader of the Nation. So here are a few of my unsolicited thoughts.

1. Generally, I approve our domestic program. As a Democrat I am particularly proud of our record on the Civil Rights issue, and I hope we continue on that way, giving back to the American Negro his rights to be a first-class citizen in every way. It has always been a bone in northern Democrat's throats that the GOP could always take credit for winning the Civil War and freeing the slaves. Now we are just as proud as they were that our party has faced up to this critical issue and is marching ahead with it. But please do not make any more judicial appointments if you have to pick from the most rabid segregationists in the nation.

2. Our financial predicament is growing very bad. When we begin to debase our currency, it will lead to great trouble. Gresham's Law is still effective. Why not encourage mining again by a national reappraisal of gold? Gold is the only commodity that has not risen in value (according to Washington) for 32 years. Do you believe that? It is, of course, absolute nonsense. Only scared men would hold to that point of view, for foreigners and American collectors and investors will pay almost twice as much as our Federal people say gold is worth. To penalize our own people, and tax us to carry on for foreign-countries, when we cannot even own a gold coin is not right. The natural forces of economic exchange are asserting themselves, whether politicians will do so or not. Better start thinking about money, hold a national meeting and get in the best brains to come up with something in line with reality than await the financial crash that is sure to come.

3. Foreign policy. It stinks. We are not yet big enough as one 94-year old philosopher told me "to guide, guard and feed the world." Viet Nam? Get out. Who cares if we lose a little "oriental face." We are not orientals, yet. But we will be absorbed by the Orient if we keep staying there.

Sincerely yours,
Harry E. Chrisman

Harry E. Chrisman

September 24, 1965

Dear Mr. Smith:

This is in response to your letter to the President, dated May 25, 1965, relating to the appointment of James P. Coleman to be a judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Judicial Circuit.

I apologize for the delay in replying to your letter.

The Senate on July 26, 1965, voted 76 - 8 to confirm Judge Coleman. Attached hereto is a copy of the statement made by Attorney General Nicholas deB. Katzenbach to the Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary on the nomination of Mr. Coleman. I believe that this statement answers the objections which you raise to Mr. Coleman's appointment. In particular, I note that you state in your letter that no man has ever been sentenced for killing a Negro in the South. As the Attorney General points out, when Mr. Coleman was a trial judge in the State of Mississippi (from 1948 to 1951), he imposed a sentence of imprisonment for life on two white men who had murdered several Negroes.

Sincerely,

Lee C. White
Special Counsel to the President

Mr. Garwood Guy Smith
2520 Haste Street
Berkeley, California

September 28, 1965


Dear Mr. Coleman:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter and for your kind personal sentiments. The knowledge that he has your confidence and support means much to him, and you have his deep gratitude and best wishes.

Sincerely,

Paul M. Popple
Assistant to the President

Mr. James G. Coleman
11521 South Aberdeen
Chicago, Illinois



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11521 S. Aberdeen
Chicago Illinois
September 19th 1965

Mr. L. B. Johnson
President of U.S.A.
White House
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am sure this letter wont mean
much to you, but nevertheless I
want you to know that I feel
that you are among the greatest
of the men who have been president
of this great country of ours.
You have done more in the
short time that you have been
president than many others have
done in their full terms.

It also gives me great pride to
know that you are a southerner. As
an American citizen I'd like to
say, that I am sure the "Great
Society" will work.

Sincerely yours,
James G. Calhoun

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United States Court of Appeals
Fifth Judicial Circuit

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James H. Coleman
Circuit Judge
Achernan, Mississippi 39735

Oct. 6, 1965

Dear Bill:


Please tell the President that I had my gall bladder removed in 1957, while I was Governor, and my health has been far better since then than it ever was before. I can eat anything I want and my general health is far better although I am getting older all the time.

He knows my prayers are with him and I look forward to his early recovery.

He and Mrs. Johnson were so kind to call me and send flowers when I was ill with kidney stones at G.W. Hospital in July. God bless you all.

your friend,
James P. Coleman

Hon. Bill D. Moyers
The White House



October 12, 1965

Dear Mr. Williams:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you give him the benefit of your views concerning the appointment of Judge James P. Coleman.

I assure you that it is not the policy of the President to appoint to the Federal Courts those who do not favor equal rights. While the appointment of Judge Coleman has not generally been acclaimed as being consistent with this policy, you may be sure the appointment was very carefully considered; and the President is confident that in the days ahead, its suitability will be recognized.

Your interest in writing is appreciated, and the President sends his best wishes.

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

CS3 Willie Bernard Williams, USN
USS Iwo Jima (LPH-2)
S. 2 Division
c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California

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USS Iowa (SP-2)
S-2 Division
2780, San Francisco, Calif.
24 Sept. 1965

The President of The U.S.A.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President,

Having just read an item in an old news paper, which has just reached me in Viet-Nam, (dated 13, July 1965).

The item states that you, nominated the former Gov. James P. Coleman as a nominee for a federal appeals court judgeship.

Sir, as a Mississippian, and a voter, I strongly disagree, with this choice.

To put a segregationist, as he on as an important a post as this is pure murder to justice for the southern Negro.

The confirmation of Mr. Coleman, would surely shatter the Negro's ~~to~~ faith in both the Present Administration and the judicial process,

in this country, which I, and many, many
others, like I, are representing over here in Viet-
Nam.

For us to be over here, I can't complain, but
for him to get this post, I must complain, for
it is my belief, that as a citizen, I have this right.

I would renounce my citizenship for a country
which would appoint a segregationist such as he
to an important a post as this.

For he will seem only to sit back the Negroes
effort to gain the freedom of a first class
citizen of the United States of America.

So, I beg of you to reconsider this appoint-
ment.

Truly yours,
Willie Bernard Williams
CS39 USN

November 2, 1965

Dear Jim:

It was so very good to hear from you and to know that your first experience on the Federal bench is in my home State.

I am glad to welcome you to Texas in your new capacity. I feel the State is very fortunate to be served by a man of your judiciousness, integrity, and compassion.

Thank you for your kind letter. I wish you all success and happiness.

Sincerely,

LYNDON B. JOHNSON

Honorable James P. Coleman
Circuit Judge
P.O. Box K
Ackerman, Mississippi 39735

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LYNDON B. JOHNSON
Carbons stamped in
Mr. Thomas' office

November 8, 1965

Dear Mr. Evers:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent telegram giving him the benefit of your views concerning the nomination Judge J. P. Coleman and Francis X. Morrissey.

Your interest is appreciated, and you may be sure that your comments will be kept in mind.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

John B. Clinton
Staff Assistant
to the President

Mr. Charles Evers
1072 Lynch Street
Jackson, Mississippi

JBC:nh

November 15, 1965

Dear Judge Coleman:

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr. Willis.
I'll be happy to put in a good word for him.

Sincerely,

Bill Moyers
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable James P. Coleman
Circuit Judge
Post Office Box K
Ackerman, Mississippi 39735

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cc w/incoming: Agriculture and Interior

January 18, 1966

Dear Judge Coleman:

With regard to your letter concerning Charlie Willis, I am told he was offered a position by the Forest Service. However, he preferred to take a job with a state agency and declined the offer.

Sincerely,

Bill D. Moyers
Special Assistant
to the President

The Honorable James P. Coleman
Circuit Judge
Post Office Box K
Ackerman, Mississippi 39735

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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS
FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

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JAMES P. COLEMAN
CIRCUIT JUDGE
P. O. BOX K
ACKERMAN, MISSISSIPPI 39735

May 24, 1966

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5-27-66

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

Dear Mr. President:

As may have come to your attention, we had the Judicial Conference of the Fifth Circuit at San Antonio, May 10 - 13th. You will recall leaving San Antonio on the morning of the tenth for your return flight to Washington.

I am writing you to tell you that Margaret and myself, as well as a few other close friends, on Wednesday afternoon, May 11th, drove up to Johnson City, where we visited your boyhood home. It was a great thrill not only to see it, but to see it in such excellent condition. I noticed on the plaque that it was built in 1886, the same year as the house in which I was raised. I will be frank to say, however, that our house was nothing like so large as yours.

We also drove out to the Ranch, and I was pleased to see the great improvements that they have made in roads and bridges in that immediate area. Of course, the house looked much as it did when we had the happy visit with you in November, 1960.

We then drove over to Fredericksburg, a most interesting experience.

Also, I want to thank you for the memento you so recently sent me by Senator Stennis. I shall prize it always, as I am sure my son and grandchildren will.

Nothing else sent to
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Bill

January 26, 1967

Dear Mr. Morse:

The President has asked me to thank you for your recent letter in which you recommend Judge J. P. Coleman for appointment to the United States Supreme Court when a vacancy occurs.

Your interest is appreciated, and I can assure you that your recommendation will be carefully considered.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Matthew B. Coffey
Assistant

Mr. W. E. Morse
Morse and Morse
601-606 Bankers Trust Plaza Building
Jackson, Mississippi 39201

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January 13, 1967

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

Dear President Johnson:

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1 The speech that you made the other night was factual and I thought you were courageous in your stand on the various subjects that you took up. You advised the people what was necessary to be done and why.

Today I was with a friend of yours, Judge J. P. Coleman, and he admires you very much indeed. If you had not appointed him to the Circuit Court of Appeals Bench we would have elected him Governor this next time, but I think he is best suited where he is and I think he can possibly render more and better service where he is unless he is promoted to the United States Supreme Bench. It has been a long time since the State of Mississippi has had a citizen as a member of the Supreme Court. L. Q. C. Lamar was one of the most outstanding Judges that ever graced the United States Supreme Court.

J. P. Coleman is loyal, he is courageous, he is well informed, he knows what he is doing, he has patience and he has integrity. You can look a long time for these qualities in a man but they are made to order in J. P. Coleman and he is your loyal friend. Please remember this when an opening comes up.

J. P. does not know I am writing this letter. I think he would tell me not to do it but I didn't ask him.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Morse

W. E. Morse

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1967
5:10 p. m.

Mr. President:

Mr. J. P. ^{X*}Coleman is in the city until Wednesday, June 28, and is staying at the Statler.

He is 1000%+ in your corner, believes you are doing the finest possible job and sends his best wishes. He did not request to see the President and only wanted me to let the President know he called.

Barefoot Sanders

MR. PRESIDENT

Shall we bring Mr. Coleman in for a handshake?

Yes _____ No _____

Marvin

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13, ENDSLEIGH STREET,
LONDON, W.C.1

August 1, 1967

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FOR HARRY MC PHERSON
FROM: Doug Cater

This is the James Coleman of the Coleman Report. He comes down hard for the new cities approach. You may be interested in his arguments.

Doug:
Interesting and
passionate, but to my
mind non-operational.
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Attachment

So I am, I impose on a tenuous and was in the country in March, I met Pat Moynihan, to possibly talk with the Dept. of Educational Opportunity, on which I talked to your secretary, but I don't know the end.

But I write out of a feeling of the country -- a feeling that it is worse than any in my lifetime. You know the President with whom I have even had such indirect contact, so I write you.

I'm writing to say that I think that extraordinary leadership is required now, and that only the President can provide it if he will. I think that unless he does so, the nature of the political system in the United States means that greater and greater polarization will occur -- that the actions of the black extremists will incite reaction among the white extremists, blocking any effective action, thus provoking greater extremism among the black extremists, and so on. In such a situation, constructive action becomes impossible. I think there are three things that are absolutely imperative: to begin social integration in a positive and effective way (not merely by programs to prevent it, but by programs to implement integration); to provide ways into employment for unemployed Negroes; and to restore law and order.

The one great resource upon which the President can call is a love of the country, patriotism itself, leading to sacrifices from all for love of country. And he can call on this patriotism only if the sacrifices will bring Negroes integration and jobs, and whites security and order. By demanding the necessary powers from Congress, he could call for actions that would at one and the same time quell the fears of whites and

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September 20, 1967

Dear Judge Coleman:

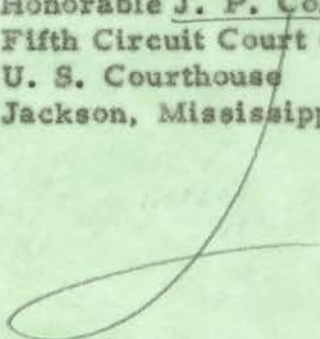
Thanks very much for your telegram concerning S. 1465 which has now passed both houses.

I will be in touch with you further after the bill has been received here.

Sincerely,

Barefoot Sanders
Legislative Counsel
to the President

Honorable J. P. Coleman
Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals
U. S. Courthouse
Jackson, Mississippi



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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1967
Tuesday, 5: p.m.

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FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: Barefoot Sanders *BS*

I thought you might like to see the attached letter from Judge James P. Coleman of the Fifth Circuit.

Judge Coleman was very interested in S. 1465, signed by you on September 27, which provides that the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of Mississippi, Eastern Division, can hold terms of court at Ackerman, Mississippi. This enables Judge Coleman to office in his home town - Ackerman.

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October 13, 1967

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

MC

Dear President Johnson:

Once or twice I have written to you as a private citizen. I think that you are exactly right on the Vietnam situation. I think the parties who are yapping at you are wrong.

I am a little concerned about the election next year. I served as City Attorney for the City of Jackson for sixteen years and know a little something of politics. I know what makes things tick. I have taken part in state politics to an extent in the State of Mississippi, especially when my good friend, Judge J. P. Coleman, was running for Governor of the State of Mississippi.

I know you have to keep an even balance on this racial situation and that you have appointed a Negro to the Supreme Bench and a Negro as Mayor of the City of Washington. I think, however, if Justice Black could or would resign and you would elevate J. P. Coleman I think you would more than balance off the Southern reaction against you that George Wallace is trying to capitalize on as everyone who knows Judge Coleman have a great deal of confidence in him. This, in my opinion, would take a lot of wind out of Wallace's sail and the Southern states.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Morse

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