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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 19, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROBERT E. VARNER

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THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF DALLAS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this _____ day of _____, 20____

_____ known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument, acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public in and for the State of Texas

My Commission Expires _____

WITNESSED my hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Notary Public

ATTEST: My hand and seal of office this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

Transmitting copies of the following:

- Ltr of resignation, 12/19/85, from GLArcher, Jr., an Ass't. AG, eff. 12/22/85; acc. 2/19/86, eff. 12/22/85.
- Ltr of resignation, 11/1/85, from HGCorrothers, U.S. Parole Commission, eff. 10/29/85; acc. 1/22/86, eff. 10/29/85.
- Ltr., 11/26/85, from MFord, a Judge of the U.S. Court of Intn'l. Trade, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 12/31/85; ack'd. 1/18/86, eff. 12/31/85.
- Ltr of resignation, 1/13/86, from EMSneeden, 4th Ckt. Judge, eff. 3/1/86; acc. 2/19/86, eff. 3/1/86.
- Ltr., 12/18/85, from LJContie, Jr., 6th Ckt. Judge, advsng of Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 7/1/86; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 7/1/86.
- Ltr., 11/1/85, from JEESchbach, 7th Ckt. Judge, advsng Pres. of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 11/4/85; ack'd. 1/18/86, eff. 11/4/85.
- Ltr., 1/16/86, from RBoochever, 9th Ckt. Judge, advsng. Pres. of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status (thru disability-necessary ltrs. included), eff. 6/1/86; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 6/1/86.
- Ltr., 1/27/86, from MTBennett, Fed. Ckt. Judge, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 3/1/86; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 3/1/86.
- Ltr., 1/3/86, from SKashiwa, Fed. Ckt. Judge, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 1/7/86; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 1/7/86.
- Ltr., 11/15/85, from REVarner, U.S. Dist. Judge, Middle Dist. of AL, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge Status, eff. 6/11/86; ack'd. 1/22/86, eff. 6/11/86.
- Ltr., 10/16/85, from WHOrrick, Jr., U.S. Dist. Judge, No. Dist. of CA, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 10/31/85; ack'd. 1/18/86, eff. 10/31/85.
- Ltr., 11/8/85, from LEWaters, U.S. Dist. Judge, Cent. Dist. of CA, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 7/7/86; ack'd. 1/22/86, eff. 7/7/86.
- Ltr., 11/1/85, from BDParker, U.S. Dist. Judge, D.C., advsng Pres of intent to ret and to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 12/19/85; ack'd. 1/18/86, eff. 12/19/85.
- Ltr., 1/7/86, from GNLeighton, U.S. Dist. Judge., No. Dist. of IL, eff. 2/27/86; (he will ret. & assume Senior Judge status); ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 2/27/86.
- Ltr., 11/1/85, from WCStuart, U.S. Dist. Judge, So. Dist. of IA, advsng Pres of intent to ret. & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 4/30/86; ack'd. 1/22/86, eff. 4/30/86.
- Ltr., 11/14/85, from WAGarrity, Jr., U.S. Dist. Judge, Dist of MA, eff. 12/1/85 (he will ret. & assume Senior Judge status); ack'd. 1/18/86, eff. 12/1/85.
- Ltr., 1/7/86, from JFeikens, U.S. Dist. Judge, East. Dist. of MI, advsng Pres of intent to ret. & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 3/1/86; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 3/1/86.
- Ltr of resignation, 10/16/85, from RBGuy, Jr., U.S. Dist. Judge, East. Dist. of MI, eff. 10/17/85; acc. 1/22/86, eff. 10/17/85. (now a 6th Ckt. Judge)
- Ltr., 12/24/85, from WAMiles, U.S. Dist. Judge, West. Dist. of MI, advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 5/9/86; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. 5/9/86.
- Ltr of resignation, 12/23/85, from FXAltimari, U.S. Dist. Judge, East. Dist. of NY, ~~advng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status~~ eff. 12/23/85; acc. 2/19/86, eff. 12/23/85 (now a 2nd Ckt Judge)
- Ltr., 11/8/85, from PBenson, U.S. Dist. Judge, Dist. of N.Dak., advsng Pres of intent to ret & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 12/31/85; ack'd. 1/18/86, eff. 12/31/85.

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- Ltr., 1/22/86, from DS Voorhees, U.S. Dist. Judge, West. Dist. of Wash., advnsg Pres of intent to ret. & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. on date successor is sworn in; ack'd. 2/19/86, eff. upon appointment & qualification of successor.
- Ltr of resignation, 11/5/85, from WA Hutchinson, U.S. Atty., West. Dist. of Ark., eff. COB 11/15/85; acc. 1/22/86, eff. 11/15/85.
- Ltr of resignation, 10/21/85, from AH Nevas, U.S. Atty., Dist. of CT, eff. COB 10/25/85; acc. 1/22/86, eff. 10/25/85.
- Ltr of resignation, 11/22/85, from LD Thompson, U.S. Atty., No. Dist. of GA, eff. 2/1/86; acc. 1/22/86, eff. 2/1/86.
- Ltr. of resignation, 12/6/85, from EL Mansell, U.S. Atty., East. Dist. of VA, eff. 1/5/86; acc. 12/22/86, eff. 1/5/86.

(Sent to AG, Attn: Sheila Joy, Rm. 4110, WASHDC 20530)

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You have my best wishes for continued good health and every happiness in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

The Honorable Robert E. Varner
United States District Judge
for the Middle District
of Alabama
Post Office Box 2046
Montgomery, Alabama 36103

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1986

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

January 22, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: ROBERT H. TUTTLE *RH*

SUBJECT: Resignation Letters

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Attached for your signature are acceptances of the resignations of the following individuals:

The Honorable Henry F. Cooper, Assistant Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency

The Honorable Richard H. Hughes, Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of the United States

The Honorable Helen G. Corrothers, Member of the U.S. Parole Commission

The Honorable Ralph G. Guy, U.S. District Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan

The Honorable Alan H. Nevas, U.S. Attorney for the District of Connecticut

The Honorable William C. Stuart, U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Iowa

The Honorable Robert E. Varner, U.S. District Judge for the Middle District of Alabama

The Honorable Laughlin E. Waters, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California

The Honorable Everett G. Rank, Jr., Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation

The Honorable Elsie Munsell, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia

The Honorable W. Asa Hutchinson, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Arkansas

The Honorable Larry D. Thompson, U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Virginia

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 22, 1986

David: *gordok*

The attached memo does not contain the name and accompanying material for the letter your felt could be more personal (to Warren Lundquist). Tuttle's office is revising that letter, but to expedite things I asked them to send a new memo without his name so the other nine can be signed.

Katherine

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

ROBERT E. VARNER

DISTRICT JUDGE

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

P. O. BOX 2046

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA 36103

TELEPHONE:

832-7321
205-265-5774

November 15, 1985

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D. C. 20544

Dear Mr. President:

Effective at the close of business on June 11, 1986, I intend to retire from regular active service as an active United States District Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 371(b).

I am making my intentions known now in the hope that the selection process for the naming of my successor can begin without undue delay and he or she may be sworn into active duty promptly upon my retirement.

Yours very truly,



Robert E. Varner
United States District Judge

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DATE RECEIVED: NOVEMBER 26, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. FERDINAND FERNANDEZ

SUBJECT: APPRECIATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT

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Ferdinand Fernandez
117 West Arrow
Upland, CA 91786

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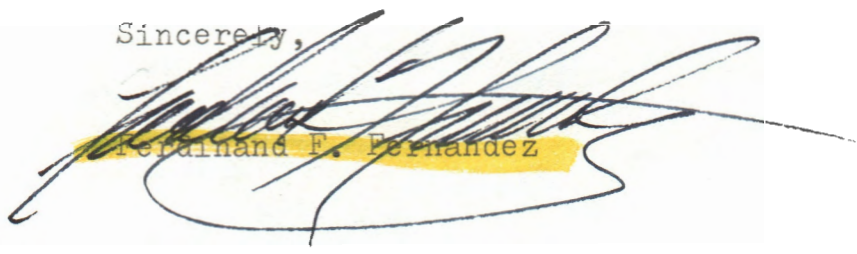
The President
The White House
Washington D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am writing to thank you for appointing me to the Federal District Court. I am truly honored to receive the appointment from the man who has restored to America its faith in itself.

I will do everything in my power to justify the confidence you have shown in me, and to render justice according to the law.

Sincerely,



Ferdinand F. Fernandez

THE WHITE HOUSE
CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: DECEMBER 02, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. JOHN HARTJE

SUBJECT: INFORMS THAT ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK APPROVED RAYMOND J. DEARIE FOR APPOINTMENT TO U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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PP Sullivan REFERRAL NOTE:	A	85/12/06		C 88/7/14 TR
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COMMENTS: Copy of a Sep 6, 85 letter to Senator Alfonse D'Amato from George Armstrong attached

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September 6, 1985

Dear Senator D'Amato:

Thank you for your letter to Robert H. Tuttle recommending Raymond J Dearie for a judicial appointment.

Please be assured that your comments will be included in this candidate's personnel file, and as we endeavor to select the most qualified individuals to serve within the federal judiciary, your recommendation will be given careful consideration.

We appreciate your letting us know of your interest in this candidate.

Sincerely,

George Armstrong
Associate Director
Presidential Personnel

The Honorable Alfonse D'Amato
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

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THE ASSOCIATION OF THE BAR
OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK
42 WEST 44TH STREET
NEW YORK 10036

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

JUSTIN N. FELDMAN
CHAIR
1345 AVENUE OF THE AMERICAS
NEW YORK 10105
(212) 841-6210

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November 27, 1985

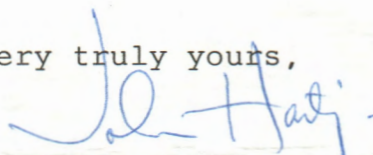
President Ronald Reagan
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am pleased to inform you that the Committee on the Judiciary of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York has approved Raymond J. Dearie for appointment to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Senators Thurmond, Moynihan and D'Amato have been so informed.

Very truly yours,



John Hartje

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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October 15, 1985

Dear Mr. Dick:

Thank you for your recent letters recommending Mr. William D. Stiehl for nomination to the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

As you may be aware, the President has established an internal Federal Judicial Selections Committee for the express purpose of making recommendations to him on Federal judicial appointments. Recommendations by individuals who are familiar with a candidate's personal and professional qualifications are an important factor in the deliberations of that Committee. Thus, I can assure you that your statements about Mr. Stiehl will be given thoughtful consideration during the selection process to fill the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Southern District of Illinois.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding
Counsel to the President

Mr. John Jay Dick
Chairman
Alton District Republican Club
531 Ridge, Box 531
Alton, IL 62002

St. Louis Globe-Democrat,
Sept 16, 1986

GOP leaders talk in lawyer's favor

Party factions hold up naming federal judge

By Joseph G. Maty
St. Louis Globe-Democrat

Belleville attorney William D. Stiehl has the professional and political credentials to be a federal judge, say several state and local Republican leaders.

Any campaign to prevent his nomination to a vacancy on the federal bench in the Southern District of Illinois would be a mistake, they add.

Stiehl's nomination has been stalled by political disputes between the GOP's feuding factions. Although former U.S. Sen. Charles H. Percy submitted Stiehl's name for nomination to the federal judiciary last November, President Reagan has not yet made the nomination. In fact, the Justice Department has not even proposed that the president do so.

REAGANITE REPUBLICANS — led by Madison County Republican Chairman Dr. Edward Ragsdale — have objected vigorously to Stiehl, claiming he is "too liberal" and "too old" to cement what they see as a conservative revolution begun by Reagan appointees.

But other Republican leaders object to what they say is too narrow and self-serving a definition of conservatism.

"I think Bill Stiehl would be a hell of a judge," said Belleville's Dave O'Neal, a former Illinois lieutenant governor and the 1980 Republican candidate for the U.S. Senate. "As far as I'm concerned, he's conservative."

"I ALWAYS THOUGHT Bill Stiehl was a conservative individual in every respect," added Harris Rowe, former GOP state central committeeman from Jacksonville and a three-term state representative. "I can't buy this talk that he's a flaming liberal. It's just not so. Not the Bill Stiehl I know."

"It would be a tragedy if Bill is overlooked or passed by because someone doesn't think he's a conservative in philosophy. He is a conser-

'I am a conservative, but that does not mean I agree 100 percent with everybody and that they agree 100 percent with me.'

— William Stiehl

vative," said Robert E. McGlynn, a Belleville attorney, fellow Republican and longtime acquaintance of Stiehl's.

"Of all the candidates we've heard about, he is the best qualified for the job," McGlynn said. "It's just total baloney to try to block a guy out on a falsity. Bill Stiehl is every bit as much a Republican as Mr. Ragsdale thinks he (Ragsdale) is. If he's (Ragsdale) making accusations that Mr. Stiehl isn't, that's just total rubbish."

STIEHL HAS THE legal experience, understanding and temperament required of a federal judge, McGlynn said.

"To put someone in because he is an idealogue is folly."

Ragsdale, who said he wants Reagan to nominate former Madison County State's Attorney Don Weber, contends that Stiehl was part of an "anybody but Reagan" movement designed to prevent his nomination in 1980. He noted that Stiehl actively opposed Reagan in 1976 by working for the nomination of then-President Gerald Ford.

Stiehl, 59, said he can say little about the delay in his nomination. But he did express some surprise that he has been categorized as anything but a conservative.

"I AM A conservative, but that does not mean I agree 100 percent with everybody and that they agree 100 percent with me," he said.

Stiehl has held a number of key

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GOP officials speak in favor of area lawyer

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Republican Party positions, including St. Clair County chairman, state central committeeman, state party treasurer and vice chairman, and delegate to the national GOP convention. He said he has supported conservative presidential candidates from Robert Taft to Ronald Reagan.

O'Neal, who was a strong supporter of Reagan's economic policies during his Senate campaign against Democrat Alan J. Dixon, agrees. "I don't think I remember Bill Stiehl being opposed to any Republican. You can't expect someone to support your position all the time.

"I HAVE conservative credentials, too — as much as Ed Ragsdale does — and Bill Stiehl has served the party well. He's always been a team player," Dixon said.

The criticisms of Stiehl, 59, have focused on his age, his lack of support during the early parts of Reagan's campaigns, and, in a general way, his positions on major issues. In effect, the critics say, he fails the conservative "litmus test," and they fear he may not follow their line on such issues as abortion or school busing to achieve racial integration.

"Maybe some of them don't feel he's conservative on ERA (the equal rights

amendment) or abortion, but I remember a lot of them were disgruntled with the appointment of Sandra O'Connor to the Supreme Court," O'Neal said.

JUSTICE O'CONNOR, he noted, had been a pleasant surprise to many conservatives with her opinions on the so-called "social issues."

"What you look for in an appointment is, 'Does he want to do the job? Does he have the intelligence, and is he honest?' Well, Bill Stiehl is those things."

Stiehl has the strong support of U.S. Rep. Robert Michel, the Peoria Republican who serves as House minority leader, and — since a meeting last week — the unanimous support of the Republican members of the state's congressional delegation. Michel's support is considered important because of his key position as a congressional leader and as the state's senior Republican who inherited the powers of "senatorial courtesy" since Percy's defeat last year put two Democrats in the Senate.

A SPOKESWOMAN for Republican Illinois Lt. Gov. George H. Ryan, considered the conservative balance on the statewide GOP ticket headed by the more moderate Gov. James R. Thompson, said Ryan also supports Stiehl. "He (Ryan) has been on record



Edward Ragsdale: Leader of Republicans who claim Stiehl is 'too liberal' and 'too old' to keep up the conservative revolution.

strongly supporting the judgeship for Bill Stiehl," said spokeswoman Kay Schultz.

While declining comment on the debate over his nomination, Stiehl said he is disappointed the process had taken so long and would like to see it concluded. The delay also irritates Rowe, who is chairman of the John



Dave O'Neal: "I think Bill Stiehl would be a hell of a judge. As far as I'm concerned, he's conservative."

Deere Life Insurance Co. in Jacksonville.

"I do think it's unfortunate it's taken this long, and I have inquired of Congressman Michel that why, with a person of Mr. Stiehl's caliber, could there be any delay?"

"He is beyond reproach."

Reagan Right to Appoint Likeminded Judges?

The stalled nomination of Belleville attorney William D. Stiehl to be a federal judge in the Southern District of Illinois illustrates a political and ideological issue that is becoming a hot topic in Washington and around the country. At stake in the struggle is the philosophical and legal course the federal judiciary will chart for years to come — possibly the next generation.

Stiehl's name was submitted to President Reagan nine months ago by then-U.S. Sen. Charles H. Percy to fill a newly created judgeship. Presidents traditionally have honored such recommendations from senior senators in the states where judicial vacancies exist, but Stiehl still has not been nominated by Reagan for confirmation by the Senate, despite continued strong support from members of the Illinois congressional delegation, including House Minority Leader Robert H. Michel, a key Republican. Indications are that the nomination is being held up in the White House and the Justice Department for political reasons.

While the people in the administration responsible for judicial appointments won't comment, there's speculation that Stiehl, though a longtime Republican Party activist, is not conservative enough to satisfy Reagan supporters. That is the outspoken view of one local Reaganite, Dr. Edward Ragsdale, Chairman of the Madison County Republican Central Committee.

He says that Stiehl is a moderate Republican who supported Gerald Ford in 1976 against Reagan's insurgency and who was part of an "anybody but Reagan" movement in 1980. According to Ragsdale, who supports former Madison County state's attorney Don Weber for the nomination, Stiehl "is totally out of step with Ronald Reagan. ... He doesn't agree with anything Ronald Reagan stands for."

Stiehl's case is far from an isolated incident. Officials in both the White House and the Justice Department acknowledge that the Reagan Administration is being more meticulous than most of its predecessors in scrutinizing the political views and judicial philosophies of potential federal judges. They see the judiciary

as a vital instrument in achieving the "Reagan Revolution."

By the end of this year, Reagan probably will have appointed more federal judges than any previous president, eclipsing Jimmy Carter's 258 appointments. Before his second term ends, he will have appointed more than half the 743 federal judges in the country. Many of his appointments have been relatively young, and they can be expected to be interpreting and shaping federal law well into the next century.

Liberals are professing horror at the Reaganites' careful screening process and their determined effort to identify judges with the "right" judicial philosophy. Groups like Norman Lear's People for the American Way are yelping about the "politicization" of the bench and hinting ominously that the Republic is being sabotaged by ideological purists.

But as best we can tell, the Reagan Administration is simply doing (though perhaps more systematically) what administrations have always done — namely, appoint to the bench competent lawyers who share the incumbent president's fundamental vision of law and society.

Despite liberal scare-mongering to the contrary, the administration insists that it has not established any "litmus test" as to how judicial nominees are expected to rule on specific issues such as abortion or school prayer. Rather, they want only to ensure that the nominees share the President's overall views and are proponents of "judicial restraint" rather than the judicial activism that has caused federal judges in recent decades to substitute their opinions on sensitive issues for those of the people's elected representatives.

Apart from the personal uncertainty and inconvenience that Stiehl may regrettably have experienced due to the foot-dragging on his proposed nomination, we cannot fault the Reagan Administration's resolve to appoint to the bench only persons who, in addition to having high legal qualifications, believe in the things that President Reagan stands for and that got him elected in two successive landslides.

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President Ronald W Reagan

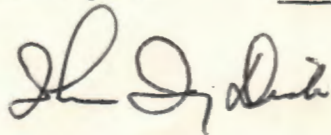
Dear Sir,

As a 30 year Committeeman, I am very concerned that it is taking so long to Appoint our good friend William D. Stiehl as a Federal Judge, please confirm Bill Stiehl as soon as you can.

In my 30 years as a committeeman and the 10 years before that as a Young Republican, I have worked with Bill and Sissy Stiehl, his wife and let me assure you it has been 40 years of hard work and true Republicanism, Please without further delay confirm William D. Stiehl as Federal Judge.

I have attached an article from the St. Louis Globe, 13 Se 85 edition on the matter. Let me say in passing that Ed Ragsdale has No record of achievement in Madison County politics and Don Weber would be the worse choice you could possibly make. He is an Ex office holder and has never been a Party man or an asset in any way to Our Party.

Thank you. William D. Stiehl for Federal Judge....Now



John Jay Dick

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Hon. Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States

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My Dear Sir,

This thing keeps on in regard to the appointment of William D. Stiehl as a Federal Judge. Will you kindly make this selection as soon as you can so we can get on with other business. Bill Stiehl certainly deserves your favorable consideration. I have known him in our 40 years of hard Republican work, and please believe me, Bill has earned Your support. Please get this thru as soon as possible.

In regards to Ragsdale, he has been ineffective as Madison Co. Chairman with no record of achievement. I understand he is now a candidate for District Chairman vs. Harry Sterling of St. Clair County, our neighbors....this will eliminate Mr. Ragsdale. As to Don Weber, the locals are not done with him, he has been a poor ex office holder and there is pending litigation against him for his mis deeds.....to even consider Don Weber for a judgeship would be ludicrous.

Please Mr. President appoint Bill Stiehl as a Federal Judge.

As always, I support You and Mrs. Reagan in all your endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,

John Jay Dick

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 17, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR DIANNA G. HOLLAND

FROM: DEBORAH K. OWEN *DO*

SUBJECT: Alan B. Johnson: Candidate
for U.S. District Court for the
District of Wyoming

I have reviewed the personal and financial information
submitted to the Justice Department by Alan B. Johnson in
connection with his possible nomination to the U.S. District
Court for the District of Wyoming and see no legal or other
conflicts which should preclude such nomination.

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REPONSE TO INFORMATION REQUEST OF US
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Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 15, 1985

Dear Mr. President

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of Alan B. Johnson, of Wyoming, to be United States District Judge for the District of Wyoming vice a new position created by P.L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

Judge Johnson was born January 14, 1939 in Cheyenne, Wyoming, is married and has two children. He received a B.A. degree in 1961 from Vanderbilt University and a J.D. degree in 1964 from the University of Wyoming. He was admitted to the Wyoming State Bar in 1964.

He served in the United States Air Force, Judge Advocate General's Corps, from 1964 to 1967 when he was honorably released from active duty as a Captain. In 1973, Judge Johnson became a reserve member of the Wyoming Air National Guard and currently hold the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Since 1974, Judge Johnson has served as a District Judge for the First Judicial District for the State of Wyoming. Prior to his appointment and then election to the above position, he was a partner in the law firm of Hanes, Carmichael, Johnson, Gage & Speight, 1971-1974; served as a part-time United States Magistrate, 1971-1974; and was in the practice of law both individually and in association with Paul B. Godfrey, 1968-1971.

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted a formal report which states the Committee's opinion that Judge Johnson is well qualified for appointment to this position. He bears an excellent reputation as to character and integrity, has judicial temperament and is, I believe, worthy of appointment as a United States District Judge.

I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

D. Lowell Jensen
Acting Attorney General

The President
The White House

ALAN B. JOHNSON

Birth: January 14, 1939 Cheyenne, Wyoming

Legal Residence: Wyoming

Marital Status: Married Linda Lee Johnson
2 children

Education: 1957 - 1961 Vanderbilt University
B.A. degree

1961 - 1964 University of Wyoming
J.D. degree

Bar: 1964 Wyoming

Military Service: 1964 - 1967 United States Air Force

Experience: 1968 - 1971 Paul B. Godfrey, Esq.
Associate

1968 - 1971 Sole Practitioner

1971 - 1974 Hanes, Carmichael, Johnson,
Gage & Speight
Partner

1971 - 1974 United States Magistrate
(part-time)

1974 - present District Judge
First Judicial District
State of Wyoming

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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001
307 638-4290

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Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009
307 634-1212

Ehtnic Group: Caucasian

Salary: \$78,200