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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 20, 1985

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Dear Governor Thompson:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending James B. Zagel for nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

Recommendations by elected officials who are familiar with a candidate's personal and professional qualifications are an important factor in the deliberations of the President's Federal Judicial Selections Committee. Thus, I can assure you that your statements about Mr. Zagel will be given thoughtful consideration during the selection process to fill the vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President

*It was good to  
talk to you  
last wk. >*

The Honorable James R. Thompson  
Governor  
State of Illinois  
Chicago, Illinois 60601



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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

CHICAGO 60601

JAMES R. THOMPSON  
GOVERNOR

March 13, 1985

The Honorable Fred F. Fielding  
Counsel to the President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Fielding:

I write to give my highest recommendation for the appointment of James B. Zagel as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois. Mr. Zagel's education, experience and judgment render him exceptionally well qualified to serve as a federal judge. I have known and worked extremely closely with him for nearly twenty years and have appointed him to the most sensitive posts in my administration. In each position his distinguished service has complemented his illustrious performance as a lawyer and scholar. His views have consistently represented the best conservative legal philosophy and his appointment would be a credit to the Reagan administration. There are, of course, several vacant positions on the District Court in Chicago and some fine candidates for those judgeships. Jim Zagel, however, clearly stands head and shoulders above the rest. This country, and the Northern District of Illinois, need lawyers like Jim Zagel. The opportunity to put him on the federal bench should not be missed.

It is with deep conviction, therefore, that I consider this appointment my highest priority and, accordingly I give Jim Zagel my strongest possible recommendation. I believe that this administration and the citizens would be well served by his prompt appointment as United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

Currently I am on a trade mission to Asia with my return scheduled for March 25. If you need any more information in the interim, my Chief of Staff, Jim Reilly, can be reached at (217) 782-3958.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "James R. Thompson".

James R. Thompson  
GOVERNOR

ID # 308529

# WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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85,04,02

29 APR 1985

Name of Correspondent: Thad Cochran☐ MI Mail Report

User Codes: (A) \_\_\_\_\_ (B) \_\_\_\_\_ (C) \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: Withdraws his recommendation of David Bramlette to be U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi because of the Judicial Council's requirement that he reside in Biloxi

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## ACTION

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✓ PP Mark Sullivan	Referral Note:	A 85,04,26		C 85,05,01 <sup>DDI AB</sup>
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 25, 1985

Dear Senator Cochran:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan in which you ask that your recommendation be withdrawn from David Bramlette's record.

Please be assured that this information will be forwarded to the appropriate Associate Director in Presidential Personnel.

We appreciate your taking the time to notify us of this situation.

Sincerely,

George W. Armstrong  
Associate Director  
Presidential Personnel

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
United States Senator  
Washington, DC 20510

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CONGRESSIONAL ROUTING TICKET

CANDIDATE: BRAMLETTE

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April 3, 1985

Dear Senator Cochran:

Thank you for your April 1 letter advising that Mr. David Bramlette has requested that his name be withdrawn as a candidate for appointment as a United States District Judge for the Southern District of Mississippi.

I will be pleased to share your decision to withdraw your recommendation of Mr. Bramlette with Mr. Robert Tuttle, Assistant to the President for Presidential Personnel.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

M. B. Oglesby, Jr.  
Assistant to the President

The Honorable Thad Cochran  
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**United States Senate**

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

April 1, 1985

308529

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

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I will submit another name as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



THAD COCHRAN  
United States Senator

TC:ljs

cc: The Honorable Edwin Meese III  
The Attorney General of the United States

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as nominee for Southern District  
of Mississippi

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4-29-85

TO: *Danna G. Holland*

FROM: Sherrie M. Cooksey  
Associate Counsel  
to the President

☐ FYI

☐ COMMENT

☒ ACTION

I do not think any response from Fred is necessary -- we should respond to Cochrane's letter with new recommendations whenever it comes in.

(I've explained to Jaffke that Tuttle is not the appropriate person to advise in the first instance on matters such as this; she is correcting their letters for the future.



*S. Africa. General (w)*

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United States Senator

TC:ljs

cc: The Honorable Edwin Meese III  
The Attorney General of the United States

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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April 4, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

DD

SUBJECT: Judicial Nomination

The following nomination, which failed of confirmation at the sine die adjournment of the second session of the 98th Congress, is forwarded for your signature for resubmission.

Stanley Sporkin - United States District  
Judge for the District of Columbia

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the nomination document at Tab A.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 4, 1985

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Judicial Nominations

The following is the sixth set of nominations for resubmission which failed of confirmation at the sine die adjournment of the second session of the 98th Congress.

Mark L. Wolf - United States District Judge  
for the District of Massachusetts

William G. Young - United States District Judge  
for the District of Massachusetts

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the nomination document at Tab A.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

March 8, 1985

The President today submitted to the Secretary of the Senate two nominations which have been announced previously. These nominations are for individuals who were not confirmed during the previous session of the Senate:

Mark L. Wolf, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

William G. Young, of Massachusetts, to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts, vice a new position created by P. L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

September 7, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

SUBJECT: Nomination of Walter S. Smith, Jr.  
to be United States District Judge  
for the Western District of Texas

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The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James Baker, John Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding recommend that you nominate Walter S. Smith, Jr. to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas. Since 1983 Mr. Smith has served as a partner in the law firm of Vaughn, Terrell, Lynn & Crowden. In addition, he has served as a part-time United States Magistrate for the Western District of Texas since 1983. Prior to joining the above firm, he was a Judge, 54th Judicial District Court of McLennan County (1980-1982); a partner in the firm Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable (1978-1980); a partner in the firm Wallace & Smith (1969-1978) and an associate with the law firm of Dunnan & Dunnan (1966-1969). Mr. Smith received a B.A. degree in 1964 and a LL.B. degree in 1966 from Baylor University. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1966. He is 43 years old, married and has two children. His resume is attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Mr. Smith (telephone recommendation attached at Tab B).
2. That you sign the nomination at Tab C.



WALTER S. SMITH, JR.

Birth:	October 26, 1940	Marlin, Texas
Legal Residence:	Texas	
Marital Status:	Married	Jill Jost Smith 2 children
Education:	1958 - 1960	University of Texas
	1961 - 1964	Baylor University B.A. degree
	1965 - 1966	Baylor University LL.B. degree
Bar:	1966	Texas
Experience:	1966 - 1969	Dunnam & Dunnam Associate
	1969 - 1978	Wallace & Smith Partner
	1978 - 1980	Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable Partner
	1980 - 1982	Judge, 54th Judicial District Court of McLennan County, TX
	1983 - present	United States Magistrate Western District of Texas (part-time)
	1983 - present	Vaughn, Terrell, Lynn & Crowden Partner
Office:	900 Republic Bank Tower 501 Franklin Avenue Waco, Texas 76703 817 752-0395	
Home:	2944 Savannah Court Waco, Texas 76710 817 776-7705	
Ethnic Group:	Caucasian	
Salary:	\$76,000	

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Recommended Telephone Call

TO: - Walter S. Smith, Jr.

TELEPHONE: Home: 817 776-7705  
Office: 817 752-0395

DATE TO CALL: Monday, September 10, 1984

RECOMMENDED BY: The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General,  
Edwin Meese III, James A. Baker, III, John  
Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding

PURPOSE: To ask him to serve as United States District  
Judge for the Western District of Texas

TOPICS OF  
DISCUSSION:

1. Since 1983 Mr. Smith has served as a partner in the law firm of Vaughn, Terrell, Lynn & Crowden. In addition, he has served as a part-time United States Magistrate for the Western District of Texas since 1983. Prior to joining the above firm, he was a Judge, 54th Judicial District Court of McLennan County (1980-1982); a partner in the firm Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable (1978-1980); a partner in the firm Wallace & Smith (1969-1978) and an associate with the law firm of Dunnann & Dunnann (1966-1969).
2. Mr. Smith received a B.A. degree in 1964 and a LL.B. degree in 1966 from Baylor University. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1966.
3. He is 43 years old, his wife's name is Jill, they have two children and reside in Waco, Texas.



Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

September 7, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of Walter S. Smith, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas vice a new position created by P.L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

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I recommend the nomination.

Respectfully,

William French Smith  
Attorney General

The President

The White House



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The President

The White House

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Legal Residence: Texas

Marital Status: Married Jill Jost Smith  
2 children

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Bar: 1966 Texas

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1983 - present United States Magistrate  
Western District of Texas  
(part-time)  
1983 - present Vaughn, Terrell, Lynn &  
Crowden  
Partner

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817 752-0395

Home: 2944 Savannah Court  
Waco, Texas 76710  
817 776-7705

Ethnic Group: Caucasian

Salary: \$76,000

WALTER S. SMITH, JR.

Birth:	October 26, 1940	Marlin, Texas
Legal Residence:	Texas	
Marital Status:	Married	Jill Jost Smith 2 children
Education:	1958 - 1960	University of Texas
	1961 - 1964	Baylor University B.A. degree
	1965 - 1966	Baylor University LL.B. degree
Bar:	1966	Texas
Experience:	1966 - 1969	Dunnann & Dunnann Associate
	1969 - 1978	Wallace & Smith Partner
	1978 - 1980	Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable Partner
	1980 - 1982	Judge, 54th Judicial District Court of McLennan County, TX
	1983 - present	United States Magistrate Western District of Texas (part-time)
	1983 - present	Vaughn, Terrell, Lynn & Crowden Partner
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Ethnic Group:	Caucasian	
Salary:	\$76,000	

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of Walter S. Smith, Jr., of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas vice a new position created by P.L. 98-353, approved July 10, 1984.

Mr. Smith was born October 26, 1940 in Marlin, Texas, is married and has two children. He received a B.A. degree in 1964 and a LL.B. degree in 1966 from Baylor University. He was admitted to the Texas State Bar in 1966.

Since 1983, Mr. Smith has served as a partner in the law firm of Vaughn, Terrell, Lynn & Crowden. In addition, he has served as a part-time United States Magistrate for the Western District of Texas since 1983. Prior to joining the above firm, he was a Judge, 54th Judicial District Court of McLennan County (1980 - 1982); a partner in the firm Fulbright, Winniford, Bice & Marable (1978-1980); a partner in the firm Wallace & Smith (1969-1978) and an associate with the law firm of Dunnann & Dunnann (1966 - 1969).

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted an informal report which states the Committee's opinion that Mr. Smith is 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,

William French Smith  
Attorney General

The President

The White House



WALTER S. SMITH, JR.

Birth: October 26, 1940 Marlin, Texas

Legal Residence: Texas

Marital Status: Married Jill Jost Smith  
2 children

Education: 1958 - 1960 University of Texas  
1961 - 1964 Baylor University  
B.A. degree  
1965 - 1966 Baylor University  
LL.B. degree

Bar: 1966 Texas

Experience: 1966 - 1969 Dunnan & Dunnan  
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To be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas

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September 6, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM: FRED F. FIELDING *[Signature]*  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: Nomination of Howell Cobb  
to be United States District Judge  
for the Eastern District of Texas

The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James Baker, John Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding recommend that you nominate Howell Cobb to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. Since 1954 Mr. Cobb has been in the practice of law with the firm of Orgain, Bell & Tucker as an associate, 1954-1956; and as a partner, 1957-present. Prior to his association with the above firm, he was in the practice of law with the firms of Fountain, Cox and Gains, 1951-1954; and Kelley, Mosheim and Ryan, 1949-1951. Mr. Cobb attended St. John's College, 1940-1942 and the University of Virginia, 1946. He received a LL.B. degree in 1948 from the University of Virginia Law School. He was admitted to the Georgia State Bar in 1948 and the Texas State Bar in 1949. He is 61 years old, married and has six children. His resume is attached at Tab A.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. That you call Mr. Cobb (telephone recommendation attached at Tab B).
2. That you sign the nomination at Tab C.

THE WHITE HOUSE

Office of the Press Secretary

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For Immediate Release

September 7, 1984

The President today announced his intention to nominate Howell Cobb, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas. He would succeed Joe J. Fisher.

Since 1954, Mr. Cobb has been in the practice of law with the firm of Orgain, Bell & Tucker as an associate (1954-56); and as a partner (1957-present). Previously, he was in the practice of law with the firms of Fountain, Cox and Gaines (1951-54); and Kelley, Mosheim and Ryan (1949-51).

Mr. Cobb attended St. John's College and the University of Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia Law School (LL.B., 1948). He is married, has six children and resides in Beaumont, Texas. He was born December 7, 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia.

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HOWELL COBB

Birth:	December 7, 1922	Atlanta, Georgia
Legal Residence:	Texas	
Marital Status:	Married	Amelie Suberbielle Cobb 6 children
Education:	1940 - 1942	St. John's College
	1946	University of Virginia
	1946 - 1948	University of Virginia Law School LL.B. degree
	1948 - 1949	University of Texas School of Law
Bar:	1948	Georgia
	1949	Texas
Military Service:	1942 - 1943	Naval Aviation Cadet
	1943 - 1945	U.S. Marine Corps
Experience:	1949 - 1951	Kelley, Mosheim & Ryan Houston, Texas Associate
	1951 - 1954	Fountain, Cox & Gaines Associate
	1954 - present	Orgain, Bell & Tucker Associate (1954 - 1956) Partner (1957 - pres)
Office:	470 Orleans Street Beaumont, Texas 77701 409 838-6412	
Home:	1385 Thomas Road Beaumont, Texas 77706 409 892-5061	
Ethnic Group:	Caucasian	
Salary:	\$76,000	

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WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Recommended Telephone Call

TO: Howell Cobb

TELEPHONE: Home: 409 892-5061  
Office: 409 838-6412

DATE TO CALL: Friday, September 7, 1984

RECOMMENDED BY: The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General,  
Edwin Meese, James A. Baker, III, John  
Herrington, M.B. Oglesby and Fred F. Fielding

PURPOSE: To ask him to serve as United States District  
Judge for the Eastern District of Texas

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DISCUSSION:

1. Since 1954 Mr. Cobb has been in the practice of law with the firm of Orgain, Bell & Tucker as an associate, 1954-1956; and as a partner, 1957-present. Prior to his association with the above firm, he was in the practice of law with the firms of Fountain, Cox and Gaines, 1951-1954; and Kelley, Mosheim and Ryan, 1949-1951.
2. Mr. Cobb attended St. John's College, 1940-1942 and the University of Virginia, 1946. He received a LL.B. degree in 1948 from the University of Virginia Law School. He was admitted to the Georgia State Bar in 1948 and the Texas State Bar in 1949.
3. He is 61 years old, his wife's name is Amelie, they have six children and reside in Beaumont, Texas.





Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

September 5, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose the nomination of Howell Cobb, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Texas vice Joe J. Fisher, retired.

Mr. Cobb was born December 7, 1922 in Atlanta, Georgia, is married and has six children. He attended St. John's College, 1940 - 1942 and the University of Virginia, 1946. He received a LL.B. degree in 1948 from the University of Virginia Law School. He was admitted to the Georgia State Bar in 1948 and the Texas State Bar in 1949.

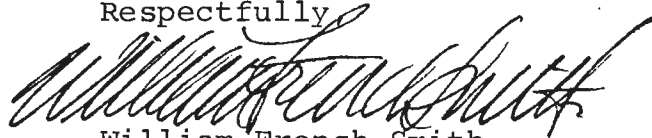
He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1943 to 1945 when he was honorably discharged.

Since 1954, Mr. Cobb has been in the practice of law with the firm of Orgain, Bell & Tucker as an associate, 1954 - 1956; and as a partner, 1957 - present. Prior to his association with the above firm, he was in the practice of law with the firms of Fountain, Cox and Gaines, 1951 - 1954; and Kelley, Mosheim and Ryan, 1949 - 1951.

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted a formal report which states the Committee's opinion that Mr. Cobb 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

  
William French Smith  
Attorney General

The President

The White House

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October 5, 1984

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

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FROM: FRED F. FIELDING  
COUNSEL TO THE PRESIDENT

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SUBJECT: Nomination -- United States  
District Judge for the District  
of Massachusetts

The Attorney General, Deputy Attorney General, Edwin Meese, James Baker, John Herrington, B. Oglesby and I recommend that you nominate Mark L. Wolf to be United States District Judge for the District of Massachusetts. His resume is attached at Tab A. (Due to the time constraints because of the impending adjournment of the Congress, a telephone call recommendation will be submitted to you at a later date.)

RECOMMENDATION:

That you sign the nomination attached at Tab B.

MARK L. WOLF

Birth: November 23, 1946 Boston, Massachusetts

Legal Residence: Massachusetts

Marital Status: Married Lynne Lichterman Wolf  
2 children

Education: 1964 - 1968 Yale College  
B.A. degree, cum laude

1968 - 1971 Harvard Law School  
J.D. degree, cum laude

Bar: 1971 Massachusetts  
1972 District of Columbia

Military Service: 1969 - 1975 United States Army Reserve

Experience: 1971 - 1974 Surrey, Karasik & Morse  
Associate

1974 - 1975 Special Assistant to the  
Deputy Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice

1975 - 1977 Special Assistant to the  
Attorney General  
U. S. Department of Justice

1977 - 1981 Sullivan & Worcester  
Associate (1977-1979)  
Partner (1980-1981)

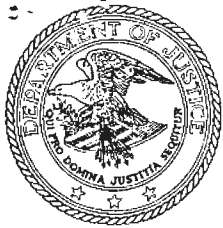
1981 - present Deputy U. S. Attorney  
District of Massachusetts  
U. S. Department of Justice

Office: 1107 McCormack Post Office & Courthouse  
Boston, Massachusetts 02109  
617 223-2757

Home: 26 Bay State Road  
Weston, Massachusetts 02193  
617 894-6092

Ethnic Group: Caucasian

Salary: \$76,000



Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

October 4, 1984

Dear Mr. President:

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

Mr. Wolf was born November 23, 1946 in Boston, Massachusetts, is married and has two children. He received a B.A. degree, cum laude, in 1968 from Yale College and a J.D. degree, cum laude, in 1971 from Harvard Law School. He was admitted to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Bar in 1971 and the District of Columbia Bar in 1972.

He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1969 to 1975 when he was honorably discharged.

Since 1981, Mr. Wolf has served as Deputy United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. Prior to his appointment to the United States Attorney's Office, he was an associate and a partner with the law firm of Sullivan and Worchester (1977-1981); a Special Assistant to the Attorney General of the United States (1975-1977); a Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States (1974-1975); and an associate with the law firm of Surrey, Karasik and Morse (1971-1974).

The Standing Committee on Federal Judiciary of the American Bar Association has submitted a formal report which states the Committee's opinion that Mr. Wolf is 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, which appears to read "William French Smith", is written over the typed name.

William French Smith  
Attorney General

The President

The White House