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NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS MICHAEL R. COLF FOR APPOINTMENT

AS A U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

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### U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Legal Policy

Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20530

April 4, 1985

The Honorable Thomas H. Kean Governor of New Jersey Trenton, New Jersey 08625

Dear Governor Kean:

The White House has referred to this Department your recent letter recommending Mr. Michael R. Cole for nomination to one of the existing vacancies on the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey.

We appreciate your taking the time to inform us of Mr. Cole's qualifications for this position. You may be sure that he will receive careful consideration during the judicial selection process.

Sincerely,

James M. Spears

Acting Assistant Attorney

General

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REFERRAL

EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT DEPUTY ATTORNEY MARCH 26, 1985

TO: DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MEDIA: LETTER, DATED MARCH 13, 1985

TO:

PRESIDENT REAGAN

FROM:

THE HONORABLE THOMAS H. KEAN

GOVERNOR OF NEW JERSEY

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TRENTON NJ 08625

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS MICHAEL R. COLE FOR APPOINTMENT

AS A U. S. DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

PROMPT ACTION IS ESSENTIAL -- IF REQUIRED ACTION HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN WITHIN 9 WORKING DAYS OF RECEIPT, PLEASE TELEPHONE THE UNDERSIGNED AT 456-7486.

RETURN CORRESPONDENCE, WORKSHEET AND COPY OF RESPONSE (OR DRAFT) TO:

AGENCY LIAISON, ROOM 91, THE WHITE HOUSE

SALLY KELLEY DIRECTOR OF AGENCY LIAISON PRESIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 21, 1985

### Dear Tom:

On behalf of the President, I want to thank you for your letter recommending that Michael R. Cole be appointed as a U. S. District Court Judge.

I have forwarded copies of your correspondence to the appropriate White House officials and to the Department of Justice for further review.

Thank you for bringing Mr. Cole's abilities to the attention of the Administration. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Lee L. Verstandig

Assistant to the President for Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honorable Thomas H. Kean Governor of New Jersey Trenton, New Jersey 08625

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### STATE OF NEW JERSEY

Office of the Governor cn-oo1 Trenton 08625

THOMAS H. KEAN

March 13, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to request your consideration of Michael R. Cole for appointment as a U.S. District Court Judge. Mr. Cole presently serves as First Assistant Attorney General for the State of New Jersey as well as Director of the Division of Law within the Department of Law and Public Safety. I have had the opportunity to deal with Mr. Cole directly on a number of issues and am greatly impressed by his legal advice, judgement and sound reasoning.

Mr. Cole has had significant private sector legal experience as well as serving as a Clerk to an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey. He joined the Department of Law and Public Safety in 1978 and was appointed Director of the Division of Law in 1981. Under my Administration, Mr. Cole was appointed First Attorney General while also retaining his former title and responsibilities. Mr. Cole supervises the legal staff of the Division and is responsible for all civil litigation involving the State of New Jersey. He also assists the Attorney General in managing the Department and overseeing all the Divisions within the Department.

Few individuals have had the depth of legal experience Mr. Cole has. He has earned the respect of all he has come into contact with. Mr. Cole has served with distinction and it should be noted that former Attorney Generals from the prior administration and the current Attorney General have indicated their full support of Mr. Cole and their admiration for the manner in which he has fulfilled his responsibilities.

I am convinced Mr. Cole would make an excellent addition to the federal bench. Your consideration of him for this important appointment would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas H. Kean

Governor

### RESUME

MICHAEL R. COLE 5 Grenlock Drive Titusville, New Jersey 08560 HOME: (609) 737-8310 OFFICE: (609) 292-4965

### PERSONAL

BORN: September 13, 1944 - Elizabeth, New Jersey

MARITAL STATUS: Married to Marcella Gibson;

Daughter, Elyse

### BAR MEMBERSHIP

Admitted to practice - State of New Jersey

Supreme Court of United States

Member - New Jersey State Bar Association

### EDUCATION

LEGAL Rutgers-The State University

School of Law J.D. awarded 1970

Three Year Case Scholar

Rutgers Law Review

Notes and Comments Editor 1969-1970

Comment, Labor Law--Injunctions--The Norris-La Guardia Act Does Not Bar Federal Courts From Enforcing an Arbitration Award Ordering A Union to Terminate Work Stoppages, 23 Rutgers

L. Rev. 569 (1969

COLLEGE Saint Peter's College, B.S. 1966

Economics major; Dean's List

HIGH SCHOOL Marist High School

Bayonne, New Jersey

1962

### **EMPLOYMENT**

October 1983 to Present

First Assistant Attorney General
Department of Law & Public Safety
State of New Jersey
Assists the Attorney General in
managing the Department of Law &
Public Safety; liaison with other
divisions within Department, including
Divisions of Criminal Justice, Gaming
Enforcement and State Police; performs
special project assignments for the
Attorney General.

February 1981 to Present

Director, Division of Law
Department of Law & Public Safety
State of New Jersey
Supervises the legal staff of the
Division of Law, which provides
legal advice to all State agencies
within the Executive Branch of
State Government, is responsible for
the conduct of all civil litigation
involving the State of New Jersey
in State and Federal courts, as
well as administrative proceedings;
individually responsible for the handling
of certain appeals and litigations on the
part of the State.

April 1978 to February 1981

Assistant Attorney General In Charge of Litigation
Division of Law
Department of Law & Public Safety
State of New Jersey
Supervised all civil litigation in which the State was a party; individually responsible for the handling of significant litigation on the part of the State.

January 1978 to April 1978

Gorman & Cole, Esqs.
Princeton, New Jersey
Partner - practice included civil
litigation (State and Federal) at
trial and appellate levels; arbitration;
commercial law; real estate; wills,
estates and trusts; corporate.

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September 1971 through December 1977

Clapp & Eisenberg, Esqs.
Newark, New Jersey
Partner - full service law firm;
specializing in litigation (State
and Federal) at trial and appellate
levels; arbitration; commercial law;
some wills, estates and trusts, tax
corporate, labor areas.

September 1970 through September 1971

Judicial Clerkship with Honorable C. Thomas Schettino Associate Justice Supreme Court of New Jersey

### SUPREME COURT COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS

Member - Supreme Court Civil Practice Committee, 1981 to present

Member - Supreme Court Committee on Civil Case Management and Procedures, 1983 to present

### REFERENCES

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James R. Zazzali, Esq. Zazzali, Zazzali & Kroll Gateway 1 Newark, NJ 07102

Hon. Irwin I. Kimmelman Attorney General of New Jersey CN081 Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex 25 Market Street Trenton, NJ 08625 Sq

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### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

March 29, 1985

Dear Mayor McFadden:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Henry C. Stoltz for nomination to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

As you may be aware, the President has established an internal Federal Judicial Selections Committee, whose members include senior White House and Department of Justice officials, for the express purpose of making recommendations to him on Federal judicial appointments. Recommendations by elected officials 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. Stoltz will be given thoughtful consideration during the selection process to fill the vacancy on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

(a)

Orig. signed by FFF Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable Edward E. McFadden Mayor City Hall London, Kentucky 40741 J. Full Ward LONDON

City Hall Bldg. London, Ky. 40741

# City of London, Kentucky Office of the Mayor

March 21, 1985

The President
The Whitehouse
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

I am presently Mayor of the City of London, Kentucky, and would like to take this opportunity to recommend that Mr. Henry Stoltz be given serious consideration for the position of Judge of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

I have known Mr. Stoltz for several years and feel that he is well qualified for this position and would be an excellent judge.

Very truly yours,

Edward E. McFadden, Mayor City of London, Kentucky

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### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 30, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM J. COYNE

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS JUDGE DONALD J. LEE FOR

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 28, 1985

Dear Congressman Coyne:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Judge Donald J. Lee for nomination to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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 Judge Lee will be given thoughtful consideration during the selection process to fill the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Orig. signed by FFF

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable William J. Coyne U.S. House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 23, 1985

Dear Congressman Coyne:

Thank you for your letter to President Reagan recommending Donald L. Lee for a judicial appointment.

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

We appreciate your letting us know of your interest in r. Lee, and for advising us of your confidence in his abilities.

Sincerely,

George W. Armstrong Associate Director Presidential Personnel

The Honorable William Coyne House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

### August 2, 1985

Dear Bill:

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to thank you for your letter of July 25 strongly recommending the Honorable Donald J. Lee for appointment to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

We very much appreciate being notified of your interest in Judge Lee for this position. Please know that we have brought your recommendation to the attention of the appropriate officials within the Administration and you may be assured that it will be afforded careful review and consideration.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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

The Honorable William J. Coyne House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515

MBO: KRJ: JID: jid

cc: w/copy of inc to Dianna Holland - for appropriate action

cc: w/copy of inc to Bob Tuttle - FYI

WILLIAM J. COYNE . PENNSYLVANIA 14TH DISTRICT

COMMITTEES:

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**COLEMAN J. CONROY ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT** 



## Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515

July 25, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

I would like to take this opportunity to recommend Judge Donald J. Lee of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County to fill a vacancy which exists in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

I have known Judge Lee for some time and I can attest to the fact that he would be an excellent candidate to fill this position. His background and experience in the legal profession, along with his service in the community and in civic endeavors more than qualifies him for a judicial position in Federal Court. He has been rated "exceptionally qualified" by the Allegheny County Bar Association.

I do not hesitate in making this recommendation because I know that Judge Lee would be an asset to the Federal Court system.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Coyne

Member of Congress

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July 24, 1985

C. G. GREFENSTETTE PRESIDENT

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

Dear President Reagan:

I have recently learned that Donald J. Lee, Judge in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, is under consideration for the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

I have known Don for 30 years and I assure you he is a gentleman of impeccable reputation and the very highest of ethical standards, integrity and sound judgment. The Allegheny County Bar Association has rated Judge Lee as "exceptionally qualified."

As we all know, the integrity and skill of the judicial branch of our government is so necessary for a strong America and with that in mind I recommend, without qualification, Donald J. Lee for appointment to the United States District Court of Western Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

October 2, 1985

Dear Judge Miner:

I have received your letter of July 23, 1985 and I accept your resignation as United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, effective upon your appointment and qualification as a Circuit Court Judge.

Appointing you to be a Circuit Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit was truly a pleasure. I am confident that your outstanding contributions to our fellow citizens while you served as a District Judge will be sustained throughout your tenure on the appellate bench.

You have my warmest wishes for every success as you meet the challenges of your new office.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Roger J. Miner United States District Court Northern District of New York Albany, New York 12201

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DATE RECEIVED: JULY 30, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE ROGER J. MINER

SUBJECT: SUBMITS RESIGNATION AS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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Dear Mr. Attorney General:

### Transmitting copies of the following:

Ltr., dtd. 8/8/85, from AJHenderson, Ckt. Judge, 11th Ckt, advsng. President of intent to ret. & to assume Senior Judge status; eff. 1/31/86; ack'd. 10/2/85, eff. 1/31/86.

Ltr of resignation, 7/23/85, from RJMiner Dist. Judge, No. Dist. of NY, eff. upon app't. & Qual. as 2nd Ckt Judge; acc. 10/2/85, eff. upon app't./qual. as Ckt. Court Judge.

Ltr., dtd. 9/3/85, from JAMacKenzie, East. Dist. of Va. Judge, advnsg. Pres. of intent to ret. & to assume Senior Judge status, eff. 11/30/85; ack'd. 10/2/85, eff. 11/30/85.

Ltr of resignation, 8/9/85, from SMarcus, U.S. Atty., So. Dist. of FL, eff. upon of cathtaking as U.S. Dist. Judge for same dist.; acc. 10/2/85, eff. 8/16/85.

Ltr of resignation, 8/2/85, from RISteele, Jr., US Atty, No. Dist. of IN, eff. 8/2/85; acc. 10/2/85, eff. 8/2/85.

Ltr of resignation, 7/19/85, from JFMotz, US Atty, Dist. of MD, eff. upon oath-taking as U.S. Dist. Judge; acc. 10/2/85, eff. 7/22/85.

Ltr of resignation, 7/18/85, from JMRosenbaum, US Atty, Dist. of MN, eff. 12:01am, 7/19/85; acc. 10/2/85, eff. 12:01am, 7/19/85.

(Sent to the AG, Attn: Sheila Joy, Room 4110, DOJ, WASHDC 20530)

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## OCT 2- 1985

### Dear Judge Miner:

I have received your letter of July 23, 1985 and I accept your resignation as United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, effective upon your appointment and qualification as a Circuit Court Judge.

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You have my warmest wishes for every success as you meet the challenges of your new office.

Sincerely.

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The Honorable Roger J. Miner United States District Court Northern District of New York Albany, New York 12201

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# THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON

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October 2, 1985

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

ROBERT H. TUTTLE

SUBJECT:

Letters of Resignation

Attached for your signature and review are letters of acceptance for the resignations of the following individuals:

Robert Jantzen, Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior.

Albert Henderson, United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

John MacKenzie, United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Virginia.

Stanley Marcus, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida.

Roger Miner, United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York.

J. Frederick Motz, United States Attorney for the Disrtrict of Maryland.

James Rosenbaum, United States Attorney for the District of Minnesota.

Monteagle Stearns, American Ambassador to Greece.

R. Lawrence Steele, Jr., United States Attorney for the Northern District of Indiana.

JOSEPH STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of New York
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12201

CHAMBERS OF Judge Roger J. Miner

Nancy James

July 23, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

My Dear Mr. President:

I herewith resign as United States District Judge for the Northern District of New York, effective upon my appointment and qualification as a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

Respectfully,

Roger J. Miner

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### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: JULY 31, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE WILLIAM E. YOUNG

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS JUDGE NEWT DRAHEIM FOR APPOINTMENT

TO POSITION OF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE FOR

NORTHERN IOWA

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WAEHINGTON

August 28, 1985

Dear Mayor and Mrs. Young:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Judge Newt Draheim for nomination to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

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 Judge Draheim will be given thoughtful consideration during the selection process to fill the vacancy on the United States District Court for the Northern District of Iowa.

With best regards,

Sincerely.

Orig. signed by FFF

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Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable and Mrs. William E. Young 921 First Avenue NE Clarion, Iowa 50525

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June 14, 1985

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Mr. President:

We are William and Lorraine Young, and would like to introduce ourselves to you, and give you some of our background. We are friends and neighbors of Judge Newt Draheim, who is one of the three final candidates for the position of U.S. District Judge for Northern Iowa.

// William was Mayor of Clarion for six years, and thus had first-hand experience with many of Judge Draheim's decisions in court cases. We also know much about his court work because of being friends and neighbors in a small community. Judge Draheim never discusses things of a judiciary nature with us, because of keeping professional confidentiality, but our local newspaper is the legal paper for Wright County, and reports all proceedings of record.

Lorraine is a high school teacher, and had both of Judge Draheim's children as students. Their home life was a perfect example of our opinion of the best -- the children were raised with good guidelines and the development of a good conscience, so that when the time came to send them on to college, both were prepared to live in a sensible and adult manner, and make the most of their college careers. Ned Draheim, their son, now owns his own business in Des Moines after graduating from Central College in Pella, Iowa, and daughter Sara graduated from Iowa State University and is now doing graduate work at the University of Iowa. Ned is married and has one child, and Sara is planning to be married in August to a medical student. Lorraine has kept close track of these two since their graduation from high school, and has been happy to see them live up to the potential they Judge Draheim's wife, Rose Marie, is a graduate of showed. Iowa State University and has her own art studio.

Our chief concern is Judge Draheim himself. He is what we consider a conservator Republican, but conservative without being narrow-minded. His research for final decisions in court cases is evident and always has been, from the time he entered legal practice in Clarion. He is firm and fair, and

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always has prior legal precedent to back his findings. He is the one to whom we turned for any information as to what the law said, or for knowledge concerning the laws that might cover a given situation.

After Judge Draheim became the Chief Judge for District Two in Iowa, his full talents came more clearly into view. He began a process of modernizing the court system, scheduling judges more efficiently and using word processors and other technology to expedite court procedures that has provided our District with the most efficient system in Iowa. He has also had to deal with all manner of problems, such as having two of the District Judges ill and unable to work at the same time, and he has tightened the schedule and replaced them by rescheduling other judges so that the usual pile-up and backlog that so often occurs in courts was avoided. He is an excellent administrator.

Judge Draheim believes in adhering closely to the laws of our land, rather than trying to interpret them to suit any special person or group. He believes in Republican principles and practices them; he chooses to follow our established laws, rather than trying to change them to suit individual needs or wishes. We have been involved in just one lawsuit, and Judge Draheim immediately disqualified himself, which was the only thing to do because of our close acquaintance and friendship. We were sorry that was necessary, because we knew that he would be the best available. However, the outcome was still favorable, as we believed it should be in our courts. Second District has been run efficiently and wisely, and we would be strongly in favor of seeing all of Iowa brought under this kind of leadership.

Because of Judge Draheim's broad-mindedness, excellent experience, and strong Republican background, we would like for you to give him your scrutiny and consideration. His character is the best, and has never been questioned by anyone in our community. Judge Draheim is also a top-notch speaker, and has a lively wit which keeps him in demand by public groups. He also has the ability to render his decisions in clear, concise language that can be understood by all litigants involved in his cases, making sure that he avoids "legalese" language to as great an extent as possible, while retaining the citations of former cases which back his decisions. Many people have told us how much they appreciate this, when we live in a day where often it is more than a lawyer can do to explain to his clients the real meanings in some judges' decisions.

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These qualities, both the personal ones and those which have modified and streamlined the court system in District Two, are our reasons for recommending your strong consideration of Judge Draheim. He is the kind of person who serves our government well and faithfully, and who has the thoughtfulness and originality to institute change in ways that help the judiciary without endangering any of the basic Constitutional rights or limits that have been established by our Legislative Branch. He has received many honors from his fellow professionals, and has deserved them all. He is a proficient writer who has published articles that show his leadership ability. We encourage you to study his credentials and resume carefully, and we appreciate your taking time to do this research on Judge Draheim, whom we consider such an excellent candidate.

Sincerely,

William E. Young

Lorraine E. Young (Mrs. William E.)

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### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 01, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: THE HONORABLE NEIL F. HARTIGAN

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS JUDGE BRIAN B. DUFF FOR

APPOINTMENT TO THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

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## State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General Chicago 60601

Neil F. Hartigan Attorney General

August 1, 1985

Dear President Reagan,

I write to offer my warm congratulations on your decision to submit to the Senate the name of Judge Brian B. Duff as nominee for appointment to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois. Judge Duff is an outstanding person, family man, and jurist. I know that he will be a credit to you and to the federal judiciary.

Sincerely

ATTORNEY GENERAL

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



## State of Illinois Office of the Attorney General Chicago susul

Neil F. Hartigan Attorney General

August 1, 1985

Dear Brian,

This was a merit appointment!!

Marge joins me in sending you our very warmest congratulations and regards for what we know will be an outstanding contribution to the federal judiciary.

Please let me know if ever this Office can be of help to you.

Sincerely,

ATTORNEY GENERAL

Honorable Brian B. Duff 2201 Richard J. Daley Center Chicago, Illinois 60602

### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 06, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. GEORGE BATYKO

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS DONALD J. LEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO

THE FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN WESTERN

PENNSYLVANIA

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### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 9, 1985

Dear Mr. Batyko:

Thank you for your recent letter recommending Judge Donald J. Lee for nomination to the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

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Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

Mr. George Batyko
National President
Greek Catholic Union of the U.S.A.
502 East 8th Avenue
Munhall, Pennsylvania 15120

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George Batyko

National President

August 2, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

Honorable Donald J. Lee is highly respected among our members.

We believe that his appointment to the Federal District Court in Western Pennsylvania would enure to the benefit of the total community.

Fraternally and sincerely,

George Batyko

National President

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### THE WHITE HOUSE CORRESPONDENCE TRACKING WORKSHEET

INCOMING

DATE RECEIVED: AUGUST 09, 1985

NAME OF CORRESPONDENT: MR. DONALD S. NESTI

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDS DONALD L. LEE FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSITION ON THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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WASHINGTON

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Sincerely,

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Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Reverend Donald S. Nesti, C.S.Sp. President
Duquesne University
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15282

### **Duquesne University**

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15282 Telephone (412) 434-6060 Office of the President

August 7, 1985

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

Dear President Reagan:

I am writing to you in order to enthusiastically support the candidacy of <u>Donald L. Lee</u> for a position on the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

Judge Lee is currently on the Court of Common Pleas where he is performing with great distinction. The Allegheny County Bar Association cites him as "exceptionally qualified." He is a graduate of our School of Law, a devoted family man, and a person of great integrity and moral character. I urge you to give him very serious consideration.

Sincerely,

Donald S. Nesti, C.S.Sp.

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President

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