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THE WHITE HOUSE

Dear Tom:

You have good judgement. Judge Scalia
is in my short list as well.

Best,

Pat

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The Recommendation of Antonin Scalia
for the U.S. Supreme Court if there is
a vacancy.



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Office of the President

August 5, 1985

Mr. Patrick J. Buchanan
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The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Pat,

There is a good opportunity that in the next year or so the President will have an opportunity to nominate a person to the U.S. Supreme Court. This will indeed be a major opportunity for the President to continue the exceptionally high level of excellence in his judicial appointments.

Before I suggest a candidate, I would like to offer a general opinion on the composition of the U.S. Supreme Court. All major communities within our society should, in ideal circumstances, be represented on the Court. American Catholics number around 29-30% of the population but have had little or no presence on the U.S. Supreme Court. I urge that every consideration be given to correcting this situation if a first class candidate can be found.

I believe that such a person exists. He is the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals, Washington, D.C. Judge Scalia, in my opinion, has an outstanding reputation. He has impeccable credentials and his nomination would greatly increase the intellectual reputation of the Court. His private life represents the best in our country. I urge that every consideration be given to Judge Scalia whose presence on the U.S. Supreme Court would, in my opinion, help to correct the inequity that Catholics have had in not being present in any significance on this important judicial body.

With appreciation for your consideration of my views, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Thomas Patrick Melady
President

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