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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

August 18, 1981

Dear Mark:

Thank you for your letter dated August 13, 1981 in which you recommend the nomination of Antonin Scalia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

I fully agree with you as to Nino's qualifications to be a candidate for that position. Quite frankly, at this point another candidate has been indentified for this position. This is not to in any way denigrate Nino's qualifications, nor his capacity to be considered for a future spot on that court — his qualifications make him eminently qualified to sit there.

I really appreciate your interest in providing me with such a strong recommendation for such an outstanding candidate.

With very best regards,

Sincerely,

Fred F. Fielding Counsel to the President

The Honorable Mark S. Fowler Chairman Federal Communications Commission Washington, D.C. 20554

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WASHINGTON, D. C. 20554 August 13, 1981 OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN Fred F. Fielding, Esquire Counsel to the President

The White House Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Fred:

I should like to recommend the nomination of Antonin Scalia to the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Mr. Scalia is a recognized authority on administrative law and the judicial review process. In his capacity as Professor of Law at the University of Chicago Law School and as Chairman of the prestigious Administrative Conference of the United States, he has authored a number of scholarly legal articles and participated in several symposia in which he has articulately manifested the breadth of his substantive knowledge, his reliance on the principles of conservatism, and his fidelity to the principles of government we call Reaganism. In my opinion Mr. Scalia's knowledge, experience, and viewpoint eminently qualify him to be a nominee for the bench of the District of Columbia Circuit Court of Appeals. He is an outstanding, indeed towering, conservative intellect.

I appreciate your consideration of my views. Should you desire amplification, I would be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

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Fowler

Chairman

cc: Edwin Meese III, Counselor to the President